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Sheikh Saad

## We will not hesitate to defend our country: Sheikh Saad

# Kuwait will fight if a war is imposed

### THE WORLD THIS MORNING

**Iranian refugees**  
DUBAI, (Reuters): One of a group of eight Iranians desperately seeking a permanent home after fleeing their country five years ago has left Dubai for Nepal, a United Nations official said yesterday.

**Israelis jailed**  
LONDON, (Reuters): Three Israelis were jailed for 10 years and a British left-wing guerrilla received a six-year term after pleading guilty yesterday to smuggling five million sterling worth of cannabis into Britain.

**UK minister**  
NEW DELHI, (Reuters): Britain had no qualms about India's acquisition this week of a nuclear-powered submarine from the Soviet Union, British Defence Secretary Younger said yesterday.

**Iranians expelled**  
OSLO, (Reuters): Norway has expelled eight of the 11 Iranians sentenced for storming the country's Oslo embassy last autumn and taking several people hostage, government officials said yesterday.

**Porn star**  
ROME, (AP): Italian deputy and hardcore porno star Ilona Staller, better known as Cicciolina, says she plans to seek election to the European Parliament.

**Students strike**  
BEIRUT, (Reuters): Staff and students of the Lebanese University of Beirut went on a day-long strike yesterday.

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**WEATHER**  
COLD weather continues with north-westerly light to moderate wind. State of sea: slight to moderate. High water: 2.00 am, 4.00 pm. Low water: 9.00 am, 9.00 pm. Sunrise: 6.44 am. Sunset: 5.06 pm. Maximum temperature recorded: Kuwait: 15°C 59°F. Amman: 14°C 57°F. Falluja: 13°C 55°F. Minimum temperature expected: Kuwait: 14°C 57°F. Amman: 13°C 55°F. Falluja: 12°C 54°F. Maximum humidity recorded: Kuwait: 85 per cent. Amman: 89 per cent. Falluja: 93 per cent. Maximum humidity expected: Kuwait: 88 per cent. Amman: 91 per cent. Falluja: 95 per cent. Minimum temperature recorded: Kuwait: 10°C 50°F. Amman: 9°C 48°F. Falluja: 8°C 46°F.

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad has said Kuwait would not hesitate to fight if it were exposed to a Gulf war spillover, the Kuwait News Agency quoted him as saying.

"If fighting is imposed on us, or our territory is exposed to aggression, we will not hesitate for a moment to defend our country," he told the Egyptian newspaper Akhbar Al Youm, in an interview to be published today, Kuna said. The news agency received an advance copy of the interview.

"We should expect anything to happen and should be prepared to face any eventuality," emphasised Sheikh Saad.

Kuwait, however, was "keen to adopt a wise, reasonable moderate and understanding policy," he said in reference to peace overtures towards Iran, Iraq's antagonist in the Gulf war.

## MGR's widow sworn in as chief minister

MADRAS, Jan 8, (UPI): The widow of Tamil Nadu state's late chief minister was sworn in yesterday to succeed her husband, but a leadership fight has left her a minority government dependent on support from Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress (I) Party.

Janaki Ramachandran—who has no previous experience in politics or statecraft—looked the oath of office as the state's first woman chief minister in a brief ceremony in the colonial-era Raj Bhavan building in Madras.

The swearing-in came exactly two weeks after the death of her husband, M.G. Ramachandran, a film star-turned-politician who attained a cult-like following in Tamil Nadu.

His death sparked riots in the state and at least 15 people died in police gunfire riots in the state and by suicide. It also prompted a succession struggle in his ruling All-India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) Party.

The dispute split the regional party, leaving Janaki Ramachandran with 97 AIADMK legislators—the largest single bloc in the 235-seat state assembly—supporting her candidacy for chief minister.

Thirty other legislators sided with Member of Parliament Jayalalitha Jayaram, a former

Man with long mustache killed

NEW DELHI, Jan 8, (AP): Karna Ram Bheel, who was listed in the Guinness Book of World Records for his long mustache, was killed by a man avenging the death of his father, the United News of India reported yesterday.

UNI quoted a senior police officer, B.K. Hamsukha, as saying a man named Kayam had been arrested for the Jan 2 slaying of Bheel at Jaisalmer, 650 kilometres (403 miles) southeast of New Delhi.

The news agency said Kayam's father, Elias, was killed by Bheel 13 years ago after a land dispute.

Sheikh Saad also said Kuwait was willing to extend "the ropes of patience." Kuwait, less than 50 miles (80 kms) from the war front has been repeatedly targeted by Iranian Silkworm missiles in the conflict.

Aggression

Turning to the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council, Sheikh Saad said the Council also will fend off any attacks.

"Any aggression against one of them is considered an aggression against all the states," he said of the alliance.

The interview was released on the eve of a visit to the GCC states by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

Asked about his opinion on the arms industry in Egypt, the Crown Prince said he was impressed with the Egyptian arms which were displayed in an exhibition in Kuwait recently.

In Cairo, the daily Egyptian newspaper Al-Jumhuriah, Thursday quoted sources as saying

that Egypt received orders from Gulf countries willing to purchase Egyptian arms, especially anti-missile systems.

The paper did not name those countries.

Sheikh Saad said Mubarak's visit is "from a brother to his brothers." Mubarak visited Kuwait a year ago when the Islamic summit conference was hosted here.

Visit

"In addition to what this visit will include of brotherly consultation, it will have further impact on national Arab solidarity and joint Arab stands," he said.

Answering a question on economic relations with Egypt, Sheikh Saad emphasised that the Kuwaiti government has given Egypt a special priority in investment plans because of its huge market and the need for capital.

"This tendency for investment in Egypt is not limited to the government level, but includes the private sector in Kuwait

which the government has been encouraging," he added.

A Kuwaiti delegation, headed by Finance Minister Jassem Al Khorafi, is currently visiting Egypt looking for ways to enhance trade and economic relations between the two countries.

Kuwait has nearly \$3.5 billion invested in public and private sectors in Egypt.

Impact

On the impact of lower oil prices on the Kuwaiti economy, the Crown Prince replied that "Kuwait's revenues were negatively affected as a result of the reduction of oil prices and the plunging US dollar."

He added that the effect was reflected in Kuwait's general budget which suffered deficits for the past several years.

Last year's budget posted a deficit of KD 1.3 billion (approximately \$4.5 billion) and this year's budget may also show a deficit by a similar amount.

US to withdraw some ships in tactical move

WASHINGTON, Jan 8, (Agencies): Defence officials say a cost-cutting plan to slightly reduce US naval forces in the Gulf does not signal any change in Washington's policy of protecting American-flagged ships in the waterway.

The officials said on Wednesday that the battleship Iowa and helicopter carrier Okinawa would sail home from the Iran-Iraq war region in the next few months because they were no longer needed to help protect ships flying the US flag.

"This is not any major draw down in forces. We are going to keep protecting tankers and American flagships," one of the officials, who asked not to be identified, said.

"This is just a tactical move. And it will save the Navy money."

Ordered

President Reagan said at the White House on Wednesday that he had not ordered home any of the more than 30 US warships in and near the Gulf. A senior administration official said Reagan had not intended to deny that the Iowa and Okinawa would be withdrawn.



Sultan Qaboos (right) of Oman in talks with Abdel Halim Khaddam in Oman. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Soviets prefer a political settlement

A SENIOR Soviet official said in Kuwait yesterday that Moscow prefers a political settlement to the Iraq-Iran war to the imposition of sanctions and an arms embargo to force Tehran to accept the Security Council resolution 598.

Karen Brutents, deputy chief of the international relations bureau of the Communist Party Central Committee said the Soviet Union is not against adoption of a new resolution banning weapons sale to Iran but prefers to concentrate on the war itself by bringing the two belligerents to the political negotiations table.

An arms embargo will not stop the flow of weapons to Iran, and the war will continue. "This is what we do not want," he told a news conference at the residence of the Soviet Ambassador, in Kuwait.

Wish

Brutents said it was natural for Moscow to want to maintain cordial relations with Tehran "because they are our neighbour and this is not our wish alone but all the region's countries want to maintain good relations with Iran."

The Soviet Union supports full implementation of resolution 598 "to bring an end to this destructive and meaningless war" and lauds efforts of the UN Secretary-General towards that end and also firmly supports doubling of efforts to "transfer the conflict to the negotiating table away from the battlefield and the logic of the search for victory," he said.

The Soviet official said his country's call for United Nations forces to protect navigation in the Persian Gulf.

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## Hopes for talks rise as Syria persuades Iran to delay attack

NICOSIA, Jan 8, (AP): Syria has persuaded Iran to delay its long-anticipated winter offensive against Iraq and halt attacks on Kuwait in a bid to cool rising tensions in the Gulf, Arab diplomatic sources reported yesterday.

The Syrian initiative, launched at the urging of Saudi Arabia, was aimed at buying time for a dialogue between Tehran and the six-member GCC aimed at finding a settlement to end the Gulf war.

He and Sharras are currently visiting Gulf capitals briefing Arab leaders on their talks in Tehran.

"A new phase has started," one Damascus source stressed. "Iran and Saudi Arabia have already accepted that talks should be held either in Tehran or in Oman."

Saudi newspaper Al Sharq Al Awsat yesterday said the meeting would likely be held in Damascus at Foreign Minister level.

Initiated

"Iran has been very responsive," a knowledgeable source in Damascus commented. "So has Riyadh."

Now a face-to-face dialogue between a GCC committee and the Iranian government can be initiated. The first step will be the formation of the GCC committee to get the talks started.

Another source added: "The Saudis were particularly delighted with the postponement of the Iranian offensive, the halt of attacks on Kuwait and the halt of attacks against shipping in the Gulf."

Khaddam and Sharras today held a second day of talks in the UAE.

Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed, the Deputy Premier of the Emirates, met with the Syrian delegation yesterday and again today.

The Syrian delegation earlier visited Bahrain's Amir, Sheikh Isa Bin Salman Al Khalifa. They have also been to Kuwait, Oman and Qatar.

Khaddam and Farouk Al Sharras returned to Damascus today, concluding their Gulf tour which included Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Bahrain and the UAE, Radio Damascus reported.

Syria's Foreign Minister, Farouk Al Sharras, and in recent

months without trial—in the West Bank on Tuesday and Wednesday alone.

More had been detained since, both in the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip, but figures were not available, he said.

Egypt's ambassador to Israel, Mohammed Bassiouni, was quoted today as saying Cairo could break off relations with Israel if the situation in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip deteriorated.

In Baghdad, PLO leaders met into the early hours today to discuss unrest in Israeli-occupied territories where at least 25 Arabs were killed by Israeli gunfire in month-long rioting.

A source close to the meeting of the PLO's central council said the leaders will discuss in another session late tonight the possibility of setting up a government-in-exile. The source spoke on condition of anonymity.



Brutents

## Iraqis raid oil refinery

MANAMA, Jan 8, (UPI): Iraqi warplanes fired missiles into an oil refinery in northern Iran today, igniting a severe fire at the facility, the official Iraqi News Agency reported.

A spokesman for the Iraqi armed forces in Baghdad said

Iraqi warplanes penetrated Iranian air defences and struck the refinery in the northern province of Tabriz, the news agency said.

Two US flag tankers safely departed the Gulf under escort by US Navy frigates, the Pentagon said.

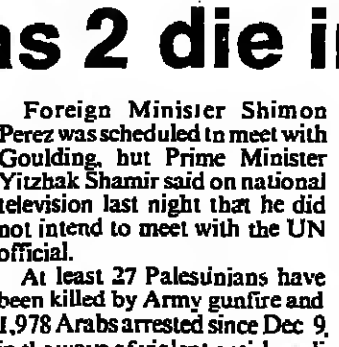
Occupied JERUSALEM, Jan 8, (UPI): Israeli troops fired on protesters during demonstrations in two refugee camps in Gaza Strip, killing two Arabs and injuring five others, a UN official said today.

An Army spokesman said "several thousand" Arabs took part in violent demonstrations at the Nuseirat and Mughazi refugee camps last night. Soldiers fired tear gas and rubber bullets after shouting through loudspeakers for the crowd to disperse.

Disturbances

"Eventually, when there was a danger for the soldiers themselves, they opened fire toward (the demonstrators,) legs" with live ammunition, he said.

The military spokesman confirmed one dead and said the Army was checking reports of the other fatality. He reported



Shimon Perez

Foreign Minister Shimon Perez was scheduled to meet with Goulding, but Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said on national television last night that he did not intend to meet with the UN official.

At least 27 Palestinians have been killed by Army gunfire and 1,978 Arabs arrested since Dec 9, in the wave of violent anti-Israeli protests that swept through the territories seized in the 1967 six-day war.

Stones

Palestinian youths threw stones and bottles at a US senator and stopped him visiting the Kalandia refugee camp in the West Bank yesterday witnesses said.

A hail of missiles greeted Senator John Chafee and a party of US consular officials and UN relief workers when they tried to enter the camp, home to about

seven people were injured in the unrest. Claus Worm, Deputy Director of the United Nations Relief and Work Agency office in Gaza, said Mazzen Zakki Muslamah, 15, was killed in the Mughazi shooting.

Maher Al Terbani, 20, who was also shot in the Mughazi disturbance, died in a Gaza hospital today, Worm said. Another person was moderately wounded in the Mughazi shootings and four Arabs were wounded at Nuseirat, Worm said.

The violence came on the same day UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar dispatched an official to Israel.

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5,000 refugees. They fell short of him and no one was injured.

Israeli troops fired tear gas to disperse the protesters as Chafee, a former US Navy secretary, retreated.



## INTERNATIONAL

Trial exposes  
sexy lifestyle  
of privileged  
young in US

NEW YORK, Jan 8. (Reuters): A 21-year-old university dropout went on trial this week for the murder of a young woman, in a case exposing the sexual rites, drinking and drug abuse of sophisticated children from a privileged background.

But the celebrated "preppy" trial has come to focus on who actually is in the dock — alleged murderer Robert Chambers or his pretty victim, Jennifer Dawn Levin.

The tall and handsome Chambers admits killing Levin on a grassy knoll late at night in Central Park. But he says it was an accident, during rough sex in which he says he was an unwilling partner.

The prosecution and its forensic experts call that version a lie.

**Admits**

With dozens of witnesses to be called, the trial is expected to last two to three months.

Chambers admits to killing Levin near the Metropolitan Museum of Art on August 26, 1986. But in a videotaped confession he told police he struck her when she grabbed his genitals and hurt him during rough sex that she initiated.

In his opening argument on Monday, defence attorney Jack Litman stressed that Chambers had no motive for killing Levin.

The prosecution contends that Chambers brutally murdered the young woman whom he had dated a few times.

The killing attracted wide attention, much of it sensational. Both Chambers, 19 at the time, and Levin were privileged "preppies" from Manhattan's posh Upper East Side.

Underage and over-sophisticated, they were part of a crowd that frequented East Side bars, including Dorian's where they met on the night of August 25.

**Classic**

Chambers, six-foot-two (185 cm) and 220 pounds (100 kilos), had classic good looks and a background of privilege — and of trouble. He is a university dropout with a history of drug abuse.

Levin was going to start college in Boston.

Like a macabre wedding, relatives of both, the accused and the victim sat in the same aisle on opposite sides of the room during the proceedings.

As the first witness, Pat Reilly, described how she came upon Levin's nearly nude body, two well-groomed women in sunglasses rose together and left the courtroom.

They were Levin's mother and stepmother.

## Sikh assaults

CHANDIGARH, Jan 8. (UPI): Sikh extremists hacked to death a priest and shot dead a police officer during three assaults staged in northern Punjab state today, police said.

## Don't expect leaders to be perfect: Hart

## Iran arms scandal still haunts Bush

DES MOINES, Iowa, Jan 8. (Agencies): The Iran arms scandal returned to haunt Vice-President George Bush on the eve of a campaign debate in Iowa crucial to his campaign to secure the Republican Party's nomination for President.

Bush's rivals ganged up on him, seizing on a Washington Post report saying he was more deeply involved in the unpopular arms deal than he has admitted.

The allegations came before today's televised debate between six Republican Party hopefuls.

Opinion polls put Bush well ahead of his opponents nationally. But he trails Senate Republican leader Robert Dole in the Midwestern state of Iowa, which on February eight holds its

selection process for delegates to next summer's party convention.

Dole, who analysts say must win Iowa to remain in the running, urged Bush to "tell us precisely what he knows" about the clandestine sale of arms to Iran and the diversion of profits to anti-government guerrillas in Nicaragua.

But Bush, who says he supported Reagan's decision with some unspecified reservations, said yesterday that his advice to the President would remain confidential.

"The time hasn't come when the vice-president has to go out and try to help himself politically by saying what he told the President," Bush told reporters before a news conference.

Bush has been trying to score points in this important state by stressing his support for the recently concluded intermediate-range arms reduction pact with Moscow. He was clearly annoyed to be back on the defensive over the Iran deal.

"I'm not very happy, the day before the Iowa debate, to have this story appear," he said. "I don't like that particularly, especially when I didn't see anything particularly new in it."

## Advantage

A New York Times/CBS news poll published today indicated that Dole was taking advantage of disaffection with President Reagan, leading Bush by 41 to 29 per cent among those likely to

attend the caucuses. He held a 53 to 21 per cent margin among Iowans who disapproved of Reagan's performance.

Dole, viewed as the biggest threat to Bush's campaign, comes from neighbouring Kansas. He enjoys the backing of Iowa's popular Senator Charles Grassley.

Meanwhile, Gary Hart said yesterday in Hanover it was time Americans stopped expecting their leaders to be perfect. "We are going to have to expect them to be human," he said.

## Hope

In a speech to Dartmouth College students, the Democratic Party presidential hopeful referred repeatedly to his own problems and said that

citizens had to expect personal mistakes from their leaders.

"We're going to have to hope that those mistakes and frailties and human errors are personal and do not affect that individual's ability to conduct public duties," he said.

Hart compared his personal problems with what he described as the failure of the Republican administration of President Reagan and said, "I would love to run in a race against Vice-President Bush on just that issue: Whether my personal and human mistakes are on the same scale as the mistakes of the last seven years that can saddle this country with debt and wrong-headed policies abroad for the next 10 or 15 years."

Berlin  
Wall must  
come  
down:  
Chirac

PARIS, Jan 8. (UPI): French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac told visiting East German leader Erich Honecker today that he hoped to see the Berlin Wall toppled like the "useless and ridiculous" fortifications that once surrounded Europe's medieval cities but became obsolete.

Chirac, addressing Honecker at Paris City Hall in his capacity of mayor, said Berlin was the ultimate symbol of European division.

"The wall that tears it in half, and which I hope will fall one day like the useless and ridiculous enclosures of the walled cities of the past, is a reminder that the division of our continent is not simply a concept, but a painful reality," Chirac said.

Honecker, the man who prepared the construction of the Berlin Wall in 1961, did not respond to the comment. He urged further nuclear arms cuts and "peaceful cooperation in the European home we share."

Honecker met earlier with Foreign Minister Jean-Bernard Raimond after talks with President Mitterrand yesterday upon his arrival.

**Frank**

During their 90-minute conversation at the Presidential Elysee Palace, the French President told Honecker that cuts in strategic nuclear arms had to come before those in short-range weapons.

Spokesman Wolfgang Mayer of the East German Foreign Ministry characterised the first round of talks as "frank and constructive."

Before his session with Chirac, Honecker placed a wreath of flowers on the grave of the unknown French soldier beneath the Arc de Triomphe, at the head of the Champs-Elysees. The avenue was decked with yellow-red-and-black East German flags in honour of his state visit.

British  
actor Howard  
dies at 71

LONDON, Jan 8. (Reuters): British actor Trevor Howard, famous for his portrayals of rugged, hard-living characters in films such as "The Third Man," "Mutiny on the Bounty" and "Odette," died yesterday after a short illness, his agent announced. He was 71.

Howard, whose strong sense of humour matched his screen image as a hardened leader of men, trained in Shakespearean theatre but moved into the film industry where he made his name as in "Mutiny on the Bounty," playing alongside Marlon Brando.

In the 1950s and 1960s he became one of Britain's best-known actors.

His wife Helen Cherry, whom he married in 1945, was with him when he died in his sleep in Bushey, Hertfordshire.

His agent, James Sharkey, said: "Trevor Howard died at around 2 pm yesterday afternoon. He had been ill for about three weeks and had been in hospital for just over a fortnight."

"He died quite peacefully in his sleep. He had contracted influenza and bronchitis. At the end, his illness became complicated by jaundice."

**Roles**

He added: "Trevor will be remembered because he was a total gentleman and for his many famous roles."

Howard's rugged soldier image was born on first-hand experience in World War Two when he made 22 parachute jumps and took part in airborne landings in Norway and Sicily, winning the military cross.

## Ministers acting as 'live wires'

Secret talks on for  
truce in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, Jan 8. (Agencies): Secret peace talks to set up a ceasefire between Tamil militants and Indian peacekeeping troops are progressing between government officials and representatives of major rebel groups, sources said yesterday.

The first phase of the talks is aimed at bringing about a truce on about Jan 14, a Tamil religious festival, said the sources, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"We are planning to begin the first phase on Pongal (festival) Day," a government source said. The next phase will come after the formation of an interim administration in Tamil-dominated areas, he said.

**Discriminates**

A minister and a deputy minister — both Sinhalese — were acting as "live wires" for the negotiations and helping in mediation, the source said.

Representatives of major Tamil rebel groups, including the dominant Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, are in Colombo conducting the talks.

The Tigers have been fighting Indian peacekeeping troops in northern and eastern Sri Lanka despite a peace accord signed last July to end the Tamil ethnic war.

Tamil militants say the majority Sinhalese community discriminates against them in jobs, education and the use of their language.

Tamil and government sources said the new round of talks that has reportedly been going on for the past two weeks is proceeding smoothly.

The Tamil groups represented are the Tigers, Peoples' Liberation Organisation of Tamil Eelam, Eelam Revolutionary Organisation of Students, Tamil Eelam Liberation Organisation and the Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front.

The government is represented by Gamini Dissanayake, the Land Development Minister and a key supporter of the peace accord, and Shelton Ranaraja, Deputy Minister of Justice.

## Progress

Dissanayake is scheduled to visit New Delhi later this week to work out details of President Junius Jayewardene's trip to India. The Sri Lankan President will be the chief guest at India's Republic Day Parade on Jan 26.

Sources said that Dissanayake will also brief Indian officials on the progress of the peace talks.

"If the talks succeed, the Indian Army will pull out," a government source said. Tamil militants have said they will not surrender their arms until the Indian Army moves out, the source said.

Meanwhile Tamil separatist guerrillas killed five Indian soldiers by landmine and in gun attacks in Northern Sri Lanka in the past 24 hours, an Indian official said today.

In one attack, Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam guerrillas killed an Indian officer by opening fire at soldiers directing traffic in Jaffna town yesterday.

Snowstorm hits  
East Coast

WASHINGTON, Jan 8. (Reuters): A major snowstorm that crippled the southern states of America swept up the East Coast today, forcing federal government offices in the capital to shut down and causing at least one death.

The White House said President Reagan had cancelled an appearance at the nearby renovated Army-Navy club, which put off its scheduled reopening ceremony until Tuesday.

The State Department also cancelled its usual news briefing.

More than 700 road accidents were reported in North Carolina, as the storm dumped 16 inches (40 cm) of snow over the area.

In Washington, where about a foot (30 cm) of snow fell, the government issued an announcement on local television and radio stations shortly before 6:00 am, after nine hours of steady snow, telling "non-essential" federal employees they were not required to work.

However, postal service employees were told they were expected to report for duty.



British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and her husband Denis show off some traditional African gifts presented to them by Kanyans. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Half a million turn out to receive UK premier

Thousands demonstrate against  
Thatcher in north Nigeria

KANO, Nigeria, Jan 8. (Agencies): At least 500,000 people, including thousands of angry anti-apartheid demonstrators, met British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in northern Nigeria today.

British security officials with Thatcher estimated the surging crowd at Kano airport and lining the streets of the ancient city at between half a million and one million.

It was a massive turnout compared with her arrival in the capital Lagos, yesterday, but the numbers protesting against her South Africa policy were also greater.

## Chaos

Shaking their fists and hanging some of the cars in Thatcher's motorcade, several thousand people waved banners saying "Thatcher go home" and "Thatcher is a witch."

Thatcher's personal staff fought with armed troops and

baton-wielding police today in Kano, Press Association reported in London.

Press Association, said chaos erupted as security men tried to prevent Thatcher's staff from mounting a platform to watch a display of horsemanship.

It was not known whether Mrs Thatcher was in the immediate vicinity of the disruption.

Mrs Thatcher's Press Secretary, Bernard Ingham, was struck in the stomach by a rifle as he battled police trying to keep him away. Press Association said.

A spokesman for Mrs Thatcher's 10 Downing St. office said the office had received no direct information about the reported clashes.

Police kept the demonstrators at bay as Thatcher was driven through the city, the commercial capital of the north of the country.

Friendly crowds up to 10-deep lined the streets as she swept

through the gate into Kano's old city to the palace of the Emir, the traditional ruler.

## Thanked

There she was received by the turbaned Emir, Ado Bayero, who had urged his people to come out en masse to welcome the British leader.

She thanked him for admitting her to his private apartments — a rare event for a woman visitor — and said she had come to Kano to see Nigeria's diversity.

"We cannot judge a country only by life in its capital," she said.

Thatcher flew through a sand storm blowing down from the Sahara desert to arrive in the historic city at the close of her first African tour.

Her visit to Nigeria continued to receive unfriendly coverage in most newspapers and from state-owned television, which attacked her refusal to impose tough sanctions in South Africa.

## Dolphins escort

JOHANNESBURG, Jan 8. (AP): A school of dolphins gathered around three men whose yacht had capsized and escorted them back to shore, according to the Star newspaper.

The Star yesterday quoted one of the sailors, Peter Stock, as saying the dolphins arrived after the boat capsized on Wednesday about a half-mile (.8 km) off the Indian Ocean coast near the port city of east London.

"The dolphins surrounded me and my friends as I tried to right the boat and steer it back to shore. It was only then that I didn't mind falling into the water. I felt safe," Stock was quoted as saying.

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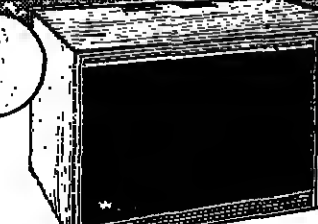
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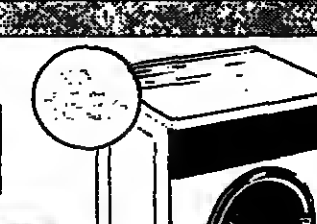
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NEWS IN  
BRIEF

## Raped again

LONDON, Jan 8. (UPI): A girl of 14 who visited London to see a show after telling her parents she planned to spend the night with a friend was raped by a man when she asked him the way at a city subway station and then raped after the ordeal by two other men, when she asked them for help, police said yesterday.

"I have never come across a case where such an innocent young girl is raped, and then raped again by men she goes to for help," said a London detective.

Authorities declined to identify the girl because of her age. But a rape counsellor said "she is still in a state of severe shock" after the incident earlier this week.

## Baltic dispute

STOCKHOLM, Jan 8. (Reuters): Sweden and the Soviet Union have failed to settle a long-standing dispute over economic exploitation of the Baltic Sea, a Swedish government spokesman said today.

The two sides held high-level talks in Moscow this week in an effort to resolve the dispute before a scheduled three-day visit next week by Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov, the highest-ranking Soviet official to visit Sweden for 14 years.

## AIDS cases

GENEVA, Jan 8. (UPI): The World Health Organisation (WHO) today reported a 56 per cent increase in global reported cases of AIDS in 1987.

WHO said the cumulative total of cases since reporting began in 1979 had risen to 73,670 by Dec 30 against 47,201 at the beginning of last year.

The first 14 cases of AIDS in 1979 were detected by the United States.

## Doctors dismissed

JOHANNESBURG, Jan 8. (UPI): Authorities today dismissed two doctors on 24 hours notice and at least six others face penalties for refusing to retract their criticism of "disgusting and despicable" conditions in the country's biggest black hospital.



Howard

He was invalided out of the Army in 1943 and returned to acting to begin his climb to become one of the stars of the world cinema.

Howard's brooding style was often likened to US actor Spencer Tracy.

Soviets  
prefer ...

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the Gulf international waters "enjoys world support despite initial rejection by some nations."

He said the Soviet intention behind the proposal is to ensure freedom of navigation in the Gulf with the use of United Nations forces and bringing an end to the military armada of some nations "which instead of stopping the war are adding to the complication of the situation."

The US Secretary of State George Shultz said the United States would be willing to look more closely at an informal Soviet proposal for a United Nations "flotilla" to enforce an arms embargo against Iraq. When Soviet Union first proposed the idea, administration officials dismissed it as impractical.







## KUWAIT . . . GULF

## Nouri opens scouts camp

KUWAIT'S Education Minister Anwar Abdullah Al Nouri opens the 42nd Annual Scouts Camp today in its new site in Kabad, with 190 teams totalling 2,500 students, from secondary and intermediate schools participating.

The Education Ministry has developed special training programmes to train scout leaders in working with scouts of all ages and the implementation of the scout programme for annual camps and for weekend events.

## Mishari denies resignation report

AHMED Al Mishari, the Chairman and Managing Director of the Kuwait Airways denied yesterday that he had resigned as chief executive of the national flag carrier as reported in a local Arabic daily.

Al Mishari stressed in a statement that he is still running the airline as usual.

## Senators assess impact of US naval presence

By Jadranka Porter

THREE members of the Senate Defence Appropriations Committee ended on Thursday their Gulf tour which was expected to help them assess the impact of the US presence in the Gulf on the US budget.

Republican Senators Ted Stevens of Alaska, Warren Rudman of New Hampshire and Alfonse D'Amato of New York conferred in Kuwait with the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Saoud Al Osaimi and Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa.

"We are here to look at the policy questions to be faced by the Senate," said Stevens before departure from Kuwait.

The senators were specifically interested in "the volume of Kuwaiti shipping, the number of vessels involved, the ownership

of these vessels and relationships of Kuwait to overall situation in the Gulf." The impact of the talks with the Syrian vice president was also discussed.

## Opposed

Before re-registration of Kuwaiti tankers in the US Congress was opposed to the move. Congressmen have expressed concern about the US presence in the Gulf with initial fears being that the US could be embroiled in the Gulf war. But the emphasis has changed from timing and tactics to the cost of the escort operation which, according to some lawmakers runs up to \$30 million per month.

## Change

It is believed that despite individual opposition, Congress is now supporting the adminis-

tration's Gulf policy. The change of heart is attributed to the smooth running of the escort operations and the fact that the novelty of the plan has worn off.

Before arriving in Kuwait the delegation visited Bahrain and Oman.

The senators left for Egypt for talks with the defence minister. Before returning to the US they will hold talks with the Nato defence ministers in Brussels.

Meanwhile two members of the House of Representatives will visit Kuwait as part of their Gulf tour which will also take them to Iraq, Bahrain, Oman and Saudi Arabia. Robert Torricelli and Mel Levine, both Democrats, will review the American naval presence in the Gulf and study arms purchase request from Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

## Kuwait's courage in facing threats praised

By Lima Al Khalafawi

KUWAIT'S courage and determination not to yield to Iranian threats were praised by the chairman of the French-Arab Association, Yves Genna.

He said this was clear after his meetings with officials in Kuwait.

Speaking at a seminar, he said that Kuwait played an essential role in the current diplomatic moves relating to the Iraq-Iran war and had made arrangements to ensure the safety of free navigation and the flow of oil in the Gulf.

## Identical

He reiterated the French support of Security Council Resolution No. 598, and said France's views were identical to Kuwait's on issues related to the Gulf war. The real solution lay in bringing an end to this war, and this required concerted Arab and international efforts.

France considers Iran stubborn for not complying with Resolution No. 598.

Genna said he was convinced that the end of the war would be brought about if Arab and Islamic countries stepped up pressure against Iran.

He confirmed that the Franco Arab Association was keen on Arab solidarity and expressed satisfaction over the resolutions adopted at the Arab summit in Amman and the GCC summit in Riyadh.



Yves Genna

Turning to the situation in the occupied territories, Genna said he was not surprised at the harsh measures taken by Israel's occupation authorities against Palestinians, but surprised by the magnitude of the Palestinian uprising.

## Terrorism

He repeated what General Charles de Gaulle said after the 1967 Middle East war, namely that Israel could not continue its occupation and a day would come when it would have to face a general uprising.

He said that France supported the Palestinian right to self determination as well as their right to set up an independent state on their soil.

Regarding the society's response to the oppressive measures taken by Israel, Genna

said the society had issued a statement denouncing these measures as organised terrorism.

Speaking about PLO participation in the proposed international peace conference on the Middle East, Genna said that there was no doubt that the PLO was the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, but its participation in the conference should be decided by the Arab states.

## Discrimination

Answering a question about reports of racial discrimination against Arabs in France, Genna said discrimination occurred all over the world, and there were reservations in French public opinion about the enormous presence of Arabs in France. He said two committees had been set up to convince French society to accept the Arab community and to find ways to protect Arab civilisation and the Islamic character. He added that feelings of discrimination did not run high among French and Arab youth in France.

He expressed appreciation at the setting up of the Arab Institute in France, saying it would boost Arab-French relations. He said his visit was meant to make French policy clear to Arab states so that there could be better understanding between the two sides.

Genna came to Kuwait on Tuesday and left yesterday for Qatar and Bahrain.

## New centre for burns and plastic surgery

THE Al Bahain Centre for Burns and Plastic Surgery will be completed during June.

The Centre has been donated by Saud Abdulaziz Al Bahain and will cost about KD 1,750,000. It is being built in the Sahab Hospital area.

The assistant undersecretary for general service affairs at the Health Ministry, Yusuf Al Ateqi, said the Centre will provide treatment for people with burns and in need of plastic surgery.

The centre will cover an area of about 5,625 square metres. It will have 36 beds for men, 24 for women and ten for intensive care patients. The building will have three floors and a 9,000 square metres basement.

## New system for chalet construction

FAISAL Al Tahous, the director of the building department at Kuwait Municipality, said that the Municipality is working on a new system for the construction of chalets, an amendment to the construction of private dwellings and regulations for farms in the Wafla area.

Al Tahous said that chalet construction is presently under the authority of the state properties department and that land on which chalets are built is considered public property.

He said that the department was studying the organisation of farms in the Wafla area in order to give licences for construction in farm areas.

## Foreign experts help improve animal resources

DR Sultan Al Sultan, the Director of the Animal Health Department of Kuwait's Public Authority for Agricultural and Fish Resources, said that Kuwait is seeking the help of foreign experts to improve the performance and production level of animal resources in the country. He added that an expert from Hungary had recently arrived in Kuwait to work as an advisor for three months according to an agreement between the authority and the United Nations Development Programme. He will participate in studies on ways to develop the work procedures at the veterinary laboratories and train staff in the department.

Al Sultan added that three more experts are expected to arrive soon, with specialisations in veterinary medicine.

## Four years jail for killing baby

A FILIPINO maid who killed her baby soon after delivery has been sentenced by the Criminal Court to four years imprisonment to be followed by deportation.

The maid came to Kuwait late in 1986 and was already made pregnant by her boyfriend in the Philippines. She gave birth to a baby in April last year and soon killed the baby with a screwdriver to hide the fact out of fear of losing her job. But she became very sick and was taken to the maternity hospital where it was discovered that she had given birth.

The body was discovered by the other maid, and the Filipino maid then confessed.

## Woman killed in road accident

A WOMAN died and a boy with her was seriously injured when a speeding car ran over them in Jahra on Thursday.

There were 35 traffic accidents in Kuwait, with 19 in Ahmadi, 12 in the capital, three in Hawalli and one in Jahra.



Ted Stevens (left) and Alfonse D'Amato

## New Egyptian envoy arrives in Kuwait

EGYPT'S new Ambassador to Kuwait, Saeed Mahmoud Rifaat, arrived in Kuwait on Thursday, carrying an "appreciation and cordiality" message from President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt.

Rifaat replaces the late ambassador Salah-Eldin Hindawi who passed away last Sunday following a heart attack.

In an arrival statement, Rifaat said that President Hosni Mubarak is due to pay a visit to Kuwait which is expected to be on Monday, adding that the discussions will tackle bilateral cooperation in security field in Kuwait and the Gulf region.

Commenting on the Palestinian uprising, Rifaat said that the Palestinian people will continue the uprising against Israeli oppression until the Palestinian question is resolved.

## Gulf tour

A Gulf tour by Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak, starting in Saudi Arabia today, will consolidate Cairo's renewed Arab ties and highlight shifting diplomatic stances in the Middle East.

His week-long visit to six Gulf states buffeted by the nearby Iran-Iraq war will have special significance for three reasons:

— The leader of the most populous Arab state will be touring Arab countries which may seek military aid in future if Iran gains the advantage over Iraq.

— He will be marking Egypt's re-entry to mainstream Arab affairs. Nine Arab states decided two months ago to bury objections to Egypt's relations with Israel and restore official ties



Saeed Rifaat

with Cairo, cut since 1979.

— His Gulf talks come as Israel's use of bullets to quell Palestinian protests in the Israeli-held West Bank and Gaza Strip has cast a cloud over Egypt's ties with the Jewish state.

## Support

Meanwhile, a senior Egyptian official yesterday reiterated his country's support for Gulf Arab states in the face of Iranian threats.

The official, Parliament Speaker Rifaat Al-Mahgoub, said his odoo was committed to defending countries in the region as "part and parcel of Egypt's national security."

He said he was in Baghdad in part to reaffirm Egypt's support for Iraq, describing the conflict with Iran as Iraq's "war of defence of its rights and its territory."

## Import of communication equipment needs approval

AN official source at Kuwait's Communications Ministry said that the ministry and General Customs Department had agreed that any radio or other communication equipment must be approved by the ministry before shipment will be allowed into the country.

The source said that the ministry took this measure in an effort to protect the existing telephone and other official communication systems from outside interference resulting from the use of unauthorised communication equipment that was incompatible with internal standards.

Importers will have to contact the Department of Marketing and Ancillary Services for import licences and clearance permits for teleprinters, facsimile equipment, modems, computer

hardware and related spare parts the source added.

The source explained that the Department of Central Maintenance would provide import licences and clearance permits for all telephone equipment, inter-com, switchboard panels and related spare parts and that the Department of Radio Frequency and Licensing would issue import licences and clearance permits for all radio equipment and spare parts.

The source said that applications for import licences should be addressed to the ministry's undersecretary, with the name, type, model, and country of origin of the equipment to be imported, and a specification bulletin attached to the application.

## ROYAL COURT

## Cable of thanks

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah received a cable from the chairman of the Kuwait Teachers Society thanking Sheikh Saad for his participation in the celebrations marking the 25th anniversary of the society.

In his cable, the chairman of the society, Omar Ibrahim Al Ghait, said that the address of Sheikh Saad to the teachers included instructions and guidance and support to the teachers' just causes and demands.

Sheikh Saad sent a reply cable to the chairman of the society thanking him for the good feelings and expressing appreciation for the sincere efforts which the society has exerted and is still exerting in service of the Kuwaiti society and country.

Sheikh Saad also lauded the positive contribution in developing Kuwait's educational progress, hoping that the society will succeed in carrying out its noble message.

## Campaign to keep desert clean

DR ABDUL Rahman Al Awadi, Kuwait's Public Health Minister and chairman of the Environmental Protection Council, patronises a campaign today to protect the desert environment from pollution affecting the animal and plant life of the desert.

The Ministry of Interior and members of the environmental council will also participate in the campaign with information distribution on how to keep the desert clean. During the campaign season much damage is done by motorcycles and cars driving over plants and destroying the homes of wildlife.

## Insects

Kuwait Municipality will have sanitation vehicles and garbage trucks regularly at camping areas to collect garbage and clean camp sites. The Health Ministry will have medical services available for campers and the Municipality will have fire fighting vehicles to camping areas.

Meanwhile, Dr Mustafa

Sadeq, the superintendent of first aid training at Kuwait's Red Crescent Society, said that there are more than one thousand different types of flying and crawling insects, many of which are dangerous to children and adults.

At a symposium organised by the Kuwaiti Medical Society, Sadeq urged campers to be especially careful of insect bites and knowledgeable of first aid treatment of insect bites. He added that one particular desert spider, black or brown in colour, was quite poisonous, causing a burning sensation which continues from 12-14 hours. He said that the sting of this spider might be accompanied by swelling and redness and that victims feel hot and experience an increase in blood pressure.

The yellow spider sting causes skin ulcerations and can take weeks before the victim is free of the sting's effects, Dr Sadeq said, adding that the scorpion was also very dangerous and its sting could prove fatal to children.

## Iraqis mark anniversary

THE 67th anniversary of the Iraqi Army was celebrated on Thursday with a rally at the Iraqi embassy in Kuwait.

In the opening speech, the Iraqi Ambassador to Kuwait, Asem Yaqoob Yousef reviewed the Iraqi Army's victories since its establishment on Jan 6, 1921. He said that the Iraqi Army, under the wise leadership of President Saddam Hussein, had

managed to thwart all enemy attacks and was determined to defeat the enemy forces regardless of the sacrifices suffered.

Congratulations were cable to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and members of the Army and Armed Forces in Iraq, pledging further support and determination to see the war through until the aggressors were defeated.



Iraqis in Kuwait celebrate the 67th anniversary of the Iraqi Army at the Iraqi embassy.

## Bishara to visit Security Council member states

A PRESS report said yesterday that Secretary General of the Gulf Cooperation Council Abdullah Bishara will shortly visit the permanent members of the United Nations Security Council.

Quoting "informed sources," the report, in a Kuwaiti newspaper said Bishara's tour seeks to renew efforts aimed at finding an end to the Iran-Iraq war based on Security Council resolution 598.

The GCC Secretary-General will be accompanied by Saudi Foreign Minister Saud Al Faisal and other high ranking officials from the six GCC states, the report said.

The report coincides with a tour presently being made by Syrian Vice-President Abdulhalim Khaddam to the Gulf countries. Reports circulating here said the Syrian official is carrying letters to the heads of states in the Gulf concerning a possible breakthrough toward peace in the region.

Furthermore, Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Al Shara shuttled back and forth between Tehran and Riyadh last month reportedly in an attempt to mediate between Tehran and the Gulf countries on the situation in the region.



Several hundred Filipinos gathered at their embassy premises yesterday to elect the office bearers of the Kapilku. The strongest contenders for president were Gene Balatayo and Manny Inserto. The election was attended by the Filipino Charge d'Affaires Fortunato Oblena and other officials of the embassy. Picture shows some of the Filipinos who gathered to elect Kapilku office bearers. (Photo by Ahmed Al Burlin)

## UN pressure on Gulf states to take in Afghan refugees

MUSCAT, Jan 8, (AP): Gulf states are being pressed to take in Afghan refugees living in overcrowded Pakistan and Iranian camps, a UN official was quoted yesterday as saying.

Abder-Razak Essaid, Middle East representative for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, told the Oman daily Observer the Gulf states were being approached in the hope they would be willing to help fellow Muslims from neighbouring countries.

"But we haven't yet got the impression they are willing to take them," he said. "We will continue efforts."

Three million refugees are living in Pakistan, mainly in the Peshawar area, and another two million are in eastern Iran, he said. They account for a major portion of UNHCR's budget.

Essaid, a Tunisian, said the UNHCR has discussed with

member states of the Gulf Cooperation Council the issue of their complying with the 1951 UNHCR convention on refugees. World-wide signatories numbered 103, with only North Yemen from the Arabian peninsula a signatory, he said.

## Examine

The GCC groups Oman with Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates. Essaid said he was assured by GCC foreign ministers that the matter was under consideration.

Bahrain and Kuwait have referred the issue to their justice ministries to examine the legal implications, he said.

The Gulf states have also been urged to give employment to qualified refugees with benefits on a par with those enjoyed by nationals, he said.

"We have a list of trained professionals such as doctors

and engineers whom they could utilise," Essaid added.

## Instances

He said there were many instances when the GCC states had cooperated with UNHCR in taking in refugees on basis of individual cases.

During the past four months, 100 Iranian refugees had been admitted, he noted, but some had been resettled outside the region. A small group arrived in Dubai last week. Essaid said their plight had been so publicised it brought in offers of sponsorship from the United States. He declined to give details.

On Dec 29, a group of eight Iranian refugees were deported by Yugoslav authorities and were flown back to Dubai. The group, who screamed and threatened suicide, were trying to go to Canada. The Canadians refused to accept them because they had forged visas.

## Pakistan to stop trade in child camel jockeys

ISLAMABAD, Jan 8, (Reuters): Pakistan plans to stop the smuggling to the Gulf of children who are tied screaming to camels to make them race faster, a minister said yesterday.

Two children sent illegally as unwilling jockeys to Abu Dhabi had already died, Minister of State for Defence Rana Naeem Mahmud told Parliament. He gave no details of the deaths but said action would be taken against the officials who allowed the children out of Pakistan.

Camel racing is popular in the Gulf states. Camel owners say the shrieks of frightened boys strapped to the animal's back make it run faster.

Mahmud said the government could do nothing to prevent families taking their children out of Pakistan legally to work as camel jockeys but it would take steps to halt the smuggling of children.

Last August police in Karachi rescued 23 boys whom they said were being smuggled to the Gulf.



A recent picture of a camel race taken in the United Arab Emirates port city of Dubai where most of the jockeys are from Pakistan. (Reuters wirephoto)



## WHAT'S ON

## SOCIAL

## Konkani Drama

The New G.O.A. presents Freddy J. D'Costa's play Khata Pita Dev Dita on Jan 14 (5pm), Jan 15 (3pm) and Utti Goykarn on Jan 17 (3pm). The troupe from Goa, including Jacinto Vaz will perform at the new Indian Arts Circle hall in Finaitees. Transport available from City. For reservations contact the Raju Stores.

## Canadian Women's League

A get-together will be held for Canadian ladies on Jan 9, 4 to 6pm. For details contact Tel: 3718678.

## Sargam Music Show

Sargam, a local group, will hold a music show at Messilah Beach Hotel at 6.30 pm on Feb 3. A selection of popular Urdu, Hindi, Punjabi and English songs will be presented. Entertainment also includes fire dance, lava dance and a magic show. For details phone 3260455, 7am to 3pm.

German pianist Wolfram Lorenzen will give a recital on Jan 19 (8pm) in the Grand Ballroom of the Kuwait Hilton. He will play works by Ravel, Schumann, Liszt and Chopin. For further details contact the hotel.

All Dances are invited to a second-hand sale from 10am on Jan 10. For further details or if Dances want to join, call Marianne on 3948953 before Jan 9.

Kuwait Little Theatre, Ahmadi, are looking for pianists for a summer musical coming up in March. For further details call 3985246.

Kuwait Cultural Centre Dancers classes will be held shortly. For further details phone 2428362.

## HOTELS

**At the Ramada Al Salam**  
All-day dining at El Bandar Coffee Shop. Grilled specialties featured at the Grill Garden. Snacks and cocktails offered at the Lobby Lounge with live entertainment. Every Thursday night Le Mirage features barbecue with live music.

**At the Continental**  
Gardenia offers food and beverage service on the Terrace. Daily dinner buffet, and on Fridays, lunch buffet with barbecue grilled specialties. Darbar features daily lunch buffet and a la carte for dinner.

**At the Sheraton**  
Dine in the Hunt Room with live music by the gypsy band. For lunch, Hunt Room offers a la carte. Italian cuisine featured for dinner in the Ricardo Restaurant.

**At the Holiday Inn**  
Businessman's lunch buffet, featuring three main course dishes, salads and sweets buffet; tea/coffee, offered daily at Al Dana Restaurant.

**At the Hilton**  
La Palma features Oriental, Continental and International cuisines as well as a large array of sweets and desserts for lunch and dinner buffet. Falaka on the 19th floor features a specialty menu for lunch and dinner.

**At the Meridien**  
Versailles is open for lunch and dinner, featuring a selection of Continental cuisine, meats and seafood, charcoal grilled to perfection. Business lunch with three choices daily also featured. Live entertainment in the evenings.

**At Messilah Beach**  
Al Mubarakiah features special lunch and dinner buffets. Open 24 hours.

## TV CORNER

## Pick of the Week

● **Anastasia: The Story of Anna Anderson.** This best seller on Sunday night, KTV 2, at 10.30 pm generates interest in the fate of a woman dismissed as an impostor by her family, the surviving members of the Romanov family. Amy Irving plays Anna. Others in the cast are Claire Bloom, Edward Fox, Rex Harrison, Olivia de Havilland, Susan Lucci, Jan Niklas, Elke Sommer and Nicolas Suroy.

● **Cine Club: The Last Detail.** (Tuesday, 10.10pm, KTV 2). Jack Nicholson, Otis Young and Randy Quaid star in this sassy, about two sailors escort-

ing a bird to a military prison. Directed by Hal Ashby. Duration: 104 minutes.

● **The Bill Cosby Show** (Thursday, 9.30 pm). There's never a dull moment at the Huxtable home, where routine situations become fun to watch. Bill Cosby's TV family's this week's concerned about Heathcliff Huxtable's health.

● **Horizon: Nice Guys Finish First.** (Monday, 9.30pm, KTV 2). This episode will be presented by the author of The Selfish Gene. He calls for mutual cooperation and understanding between nations. Basically, he says: "Live and let live".



Amy Irving, Jan Niklas, Rex Harrison and Olivia de Havilland in Anastasia, Sunday's best-seller.

## This week on KTV 2

## SUNDAY

6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Lone Ranger: cartoons  
6.30 Butterfly Island: "Rescue on the River." Sally returns with a friend to the island.

7.00 Understanding Islam: a weekly local show on Islam

7.30 The Wacky World of Sports: "Master" a light hearted look at the sporting events.

8.00 News in English

8.40 Hot shots: "Warriors." Amanda Reed (Dorothy Parke) and Jason West (Booth Savage) pursue two brothers engaged in family warfare.

9.30 Foley Square: "Hey, Landlord." Alex, a public prosecutor, buys a sofa that is too big for her tiny flat.

10.00 Q.E.D.: "The Foolish Wise Ones." Efforts to rehabilitate mentally retarded children.

10.30 Best-Seller: "Anastasia." Is Anna Anderson really Grand Duchess Anastasia? The woman who claims to be Anastasia is dismissed as an impostor by the surviving members of the Romanov family. In 1939, Anna goes to court. The lengthy legal battle which ended in 1970 was inconclusive. Amy Irving plays Anastasia.

12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

## MONDAY

6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Yogi's Treasure Hunt: cartoons

6.30 The Animal Express: a look at giraffes and monkeys. Guest, star is Patrick Duffy.

7.00 Kiting Report: weekly roundup of world news, presented by KTV.

7.30 Chintz: Two couples fight over a piece of furniture.

8.00 News in English

8.40 The Law and Harry MacGraw: the story of a female lawyer and a private eye who work together to fight crime.

9.30 Horizon: BBC documentary: "Nice Guys Finish First." Live and let live is the theme of this programme, presented by the author of The Selfish Gene.

10.30 Mini-Series: "A Year in the Life." The lives and the relationships of the Gardner family are traced after a death in the family.

12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown



The Tracy Ullman Show, on Tuesdays.



Dennis Weaver plays Buck James, on Wednesdays.



Spitting Image, on Fridays.

## TUESDAY

6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Rainbow Bright: cartoons

6.30 Side Kicks: "Remember Mama." Jack Rizo's mother pays a visit.

7.00 Beyond 2000: a look at the latest advances in science and technology. Tonight's reports are on the 21st century automobile, solar energy research in France; new heat resistant textiles and installation of a new elevator at the Eiffel Tower.

8.00 News in English

8.40 You and the Law: a local programme

8.50 Heart of the City: "Working Without A Net." Family trouble and problems at work make life difficult for the policeman.

9.40 Tracy Ullman Show: "The Makeover." Comedy.

10.10 Cine Club: "The Last Detail." Starring: Jack Nicholson, Otis Young, Carol Kane, Michael Moriarty. Comedy drama about two career sailors ordered to transport a kleptomaniac prisoner. (1973 production directed by Hal Ashby. Duration: 104 minutes).

12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

## WEDNESDAY

6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 The Get Along Gang: cartoons

6.30 Micro at Work: "Sorting Things Out." A look at computerised mail sorting systems.

6.50 The Living Isles: "Streams of Life." A look at the Scottish countryside.

7.30 Growing Pains: "Jason and the Cruisers." Jason needs a confidence booster.

8.00 News in English

8.40 Back James: Dennis Weaver plays the title role of Buck, who operates best in life-or-death situations.

9.30 The World of Strange Power: "Things That Go Bump In The Night." Perfect Strangers: "Falling in Love Is..." Love blossoms when the Greek youth meets a nice American girl.

10.30 Falcon Crest: "Who Were To Run." With an episode with a title like tonight's this soap opera is bound to be intriguing.

12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

## THURSDAY

3.00 Holy Quran  
3.10 Sports Studio: local and international football, basketball and volleyball matches.

6.00 Centurions: cartoons

6.30 The Mickey Mouse Club: "We Paint." Rags to Riches: "Patty's Mom." Millionaire Niek Foley's (Joseph Bologna) adopted daughter, Patty, wants to search for her mother.

8.00 News in English

8.40 Max Headroom: science-fiction thriller revolving around high-technology set in a futuristic world.

9.30 Bill Cosby Show: Claire is worried about her husband's health, so are all the members of the family.

10.00 Paul Daniels Magic Show

10.30 Late Night Movie: "Force 10 From Navarone." Based on Alistair MacLean.

12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

## FRIDAY

3.00 Holy Quran  
3.10 Sports Studio: roundup of world and local sporting events.

6.00 She Ra — Princess of Power: cartoons

6.30 Airwolf: "Salvage." Espionage and counter-espionage is the theme of this episode.

7.30 Spitting Image

8.00 News in English

8.40 Breaking away

9.05 Matlock: the lawyer solves another interesting case.

9.30 Weekend: local programme

10.00 What A Country: the new teacher refuses a request to install an AC unit but promptly bires a beautiful girl. The students are not too happy.

10.30 Crime Story: "Torello on Trial."

11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown



Ana Alicia plays Melissa in Falcon Crest, Wednesday at 10.30pm.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

2.15 Holy Quran  
2.30 World Today via Satellite

3.30 Hakim al Aqzam: cartoon serial

4.00 News Summary  
4.05 Magazine D'Actualite

4.25 La Illaha Illallah: historical serial. Starring: Abdullah Al Ghanth, Imaan Toqi, Ahmad Abdul Aziz, Ahmad Badr

5.15 Young Artists: programme for children

5.45 Open University  
6.30 News Summary

6.55 Noor Al Islam: "The Omra Rites." Guests are Fawzi Abdul Munsef, Abdul Qadir. Presented by Ahmad Abdul Qadir.

7.25 Nazrat Alal Alam: documentary

7.45 Security and Citizens

8.15 Good Evening and Local News

9.00 News in Arabic

10.05 Al Anzar: daily serial

10.50 Dafatar Al Ayam: a talk show featuring Arab poets and writers.

12.00 News Summary

12.05 World News via Satellite

12.45 Holy Quran/Closedown



Dava (Bruce Willis) and Maddia (Cybil Shephard) go their separate ways in tonight's Moonlighting episode, 8.40pm on KTV 2.

## KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Thundercats: "Safari Jo". Cartoons for children.

6.30 Moon Jumper: "Good News and Bad". Nicole's friend is arrested for disturbing peace in the neighbourhood.

7.00 Lorne Greene's New Wilderness: "The White Lightning". A look at a rare species of owls.

8.00 News in English

8.40 Moonlighting: "Come Back Little Shikha". Maddie decides to live with her parents in Chicago; and Dava

looks for the woman he once loved. Starring: Bruce Willis, Cybil Shephard.  
9.30 Silk Road: "Kings Road". Journeying between Afghanistan and Pakistan on the Khyber Pass.  
10.30 Made-for-TV Movie: "Between Darkness and Dawn". A woman awakens from 20-year coma and tries to catch up with the world.  
11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

## English

## MORNING

08.00 Opening  
08.02 Songs and Music  
08.30 NEWS  
08.40 Songs and music  
08.45 Daily programme  
09.00 Cultural horizon  
09.30 Reggae rock  
10.00 Our Press Today  
10.05 Songs and music  
10.30 The years of pop  
11.00 Closedown

13.30 NEWS on the F.M. service.

## EVENING

21.00 Opening  
21.02 Kuwait our beloved homeland  
21.05 Songs and music  
21.30 NEWS  
21.45 Point of view  
21.55 Songs and music  
22.00 Kuwait in a week  
22.15 Rock on  
22.45 Daily programme  
23.00 Strictly romantic  
23.30 Amazing facts  
24.00 Closedown

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## BBC World Services

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09 News about Britain  
15 Radio Newsweek  
30 Personal View  
45 Recording of the Week  
0100 News Summary followed by Outlook  
30 They Sold a Million  
0200 World News  
09 Commentary  
15 Network UK  
30 People and Politics  
0300 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 The World Today  
30 Business Matters  
0400 World News  
09 Commentary  
15 Sportsweek  
50 Financial News  
0500 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Personal View  
45 The World Today  
0600 Newsweek  
30 Meridian  
0700 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 From the Weeklies  
45 Network UK

0800 World News  
09 Reflections  
15 A Jolly Good Show  
0900 World News  
09 British Press Review  
15 The World Today  
30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup Financial Special  
45 Personal View  
1000 News Summary followed by Here's Humphil  
15 Letter from America  
30 People and Politics  
1100 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 The A-Z of Hollywood  
30 Meridian  
1200 Radio Newsweek  
15 Multitrack 3  
45 Sports Roundup  
1300 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Network UK  
45 Good Books  
1400 News Summary followed by Album Time  
30 Sportsweek  
1500 Radio Newsweek  
15 Sportsweek  
1600 World News  
09 Commentary  
15 Sportsweek  
1700 News Summary followed by Sportsweek  
45 Sports Roundup  
1800 Newsweek  
30 Musical Masters of the Baroque  
1900 News Summary 2nd Uncle Vanya count; 9th Dalia Puli If Off; 16th Chicken Soup with Barley — Part 1; 23rd Chicken Soup with Barley — Part 2; 30th The Enemy Within

## NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait  
Al Salam Pharmacy  
nr. Universal, Mubarak Al Kabir St.

Abham Pharmacy  
Souk Muthahda, Fahad Al Salem St.

Hawalli and Nagra  
Al Jodhar Pharmacy  
Tunis St.

Salmiya and Rumailhiya  
Al Quds Pharmacy  
Abdul Karim Khalifa  
Mazal Bldg., Amman St.

Fahad and Ahmadi  
Al Imman Pharmacy  
Makkah St.

Jeeb Al Shiyook  
Al Salamah Pharmacy  
Block 3, Main St.

Jahra  
Al Khalid Pharmacy  
Opp. Cooperative Society

## CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus  
Al Nimr Wal Unsa (Arabic)  
Starring: Adel Imam, Athar Al Hakim

Al Sahmiya  
Out of Bounds  
Starring: Anthony Michel-Hull, Jenny Wright, Jeff Cooper

Al Hamra  
Cry Onion  
Starring: Franco Nero

Drive-In  
Al Nimr Wal Unsa (Arabic)  
Starring: Adel Imam, Athar Al Hakim

Al Firdous  
Satte pe Satta (Hindi)  
Starring: Bacha Malini, Amitabh Bachchan

Fahad Open-Air  
Prem Rog (Hindi)  
Starring: Rishi Kapoor, Padmini Kolhapure

Al Fahadhel  
Ajanta (Malayalam)  
Al Jahra  
Little Shop of Horrors  
Granada  
Money Pit  
Sulabikhat  
Al Bait Al Ma'oun (Arabic)  
Al Jeeb  
Sreedharante  
thirumuvu  
Ahmadi Drive-In  
The Highest Honour

## PRAYERS

Fajr	5.21 am
Shrooq	6.45
Zuhr	11.56
Asr	2.49 pm
Maghreb	5.07
Isha	6.29

## KTV 1 weekly highlights

## SUNDAY

4.25 La Haha Illallah: historical serial. Starring: Yusuf Shabaan, Ragha, Hala Fakher.

5.30 Al Manahak: a 30-minute educational show for children, featuring Amal Dahbas, Tayseer Attiya, Rabe'el Shihab.

10.50 Sahrah Ma'al Agham: A Melody. Night features singers Abdullah Rowaisbeed, Nabil Shuaib, Nawal, Abdullah Al Shahman. Presented by Amina Sharrah.

MONDAY

3.30 Hakim al Aqzam: cartoon serial.

5.30 Mama Anisa and Children: a weekly show for young viewers.

7.35 Quran and Science: part 5, prepared and presented by Dr Ahmad Shawki Ibrahim.

10.50 Daerat Al Ahlath (Circle of Events): Kamel Sulaiman presents this

weekly talk show on Kuwait. Tonight, a look at the pharmaceutical industry. Guests are Sulaiman Saleh Al Zarban, Dr Saleh Saedan, Dr Tareq Yaseen.

## TUESDAY

6.00 Fi Kiblat Al Jumhour: a local programme on farming in Kuwait. Yacoub Yusufi talks about farming methods and agricultural programmes.

7.35 Al Quds: Part 2 of programme on Al Quds — Jerusalem — it traces the developments from 1967 to the present times.

9.50 Safahat Min Tareeq Al Kuwait: Pages from the History of Kuwait. A look at Kuwait's past, prepared and presented by Saif Marzouk Al Shamlan.

WEDNESDAY

5.15 Bain Al Ams Wa Al



## EDITORIALS

## ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

ASK the young, they know everything — Chinese proverb.

## Boatful of refugees in Switzerland

By Doelf Duttweiler

BASLE, Switzerland, (Reuters): Right-wing politicians who claim Switzerland is overcrowded with foreigners and would-be refugees have long used the rallying cry: "The boat is full!"

Now, there really is a refugee boat.

Switzerland is putting the final touches to a former cruise ship anchored in the River Rhine which will house would-be refugees when a controversial change in asylum law comes into effect this month.

The 144-berth "Ursula" is one of four sites in the country where asylum seekers will be interned while they await the initial processing of their applications for residence.

"Around 80 refugees will be housed for a maximum of five days or so on the ship," says Peter Arbenz, the government's top official for refugee questions. "In this ship we will ask the asylum seekers how they came into our country and then decide whether they can stay."

Switzerland has a long tradition of welcoming refugees and has maintained for decades a liberal policy on granting political asylum.

After World War Two, most applicants came from East European countries, easily won refugee status and quickly integrated themselves into Swiss life.

But foreigners now make up about 15 per cent of the 6.5 million population, and in some cities the proportion is as high as one-third.

The wave of people seeking asylum over the last five years has come overwhelmingly from countries including Chile, Zaire and Sri Lanka, as well as an increasing number from Turkey. The authorities believe that many come not for political reasons but for economic ones — unemployment at home and a chance to make good money in Switzerland.

That led to a swelling of public opinion against asylum-seekers — reflected in a two-to-one vote in a public referendum to back the new asylum law last April. Opponents of the law see racism as an underlying reason for the strong public reaction.

The legislation has pushed Switzerland into a public slanging match with refugee authorities at the United Nations

since publication of details and new visa regulations last month. Jean-Pierre Hocke, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, himself, a Swiss, proclaimed himself "deeply concerned" about the moves, and formally asked the Swiss government to reconsider.

Justice Minister Elisabeth Kopp retorted by accusing him of unjustified interference in Swiss affairs.

Switzerland, like many other Western European countries, has long been worried by a sharp increase in refugees in recent years, many of them from Third World countries.

Officials say they received 10,000 new asylum requests by the end of last year, the highest annual figure since the end of World War Two.

At the end of August, the latest month for which figures are available, the backlog of unprocessed requests had reached near 22,000.

Under the new law, would-be refugees are required to enter the country at 27 specific designated places only and to register their claim for asylum immediately. Those who fail to do so risk immediate deportation and some will simply be turned back at the border.

Those making it through the border will be sent to the internment centres where they will be fingerprinted and documented in one of 23 languages.

Even then, they are not guaranteed they can stay here. So-called "asylum-tourists," those who come to Switzerland from neighbouring countries, will be sent back, as will others who fail to satisfy the new tough requirements.

After a few days' stay the remainder will then be allotted to the various cantons where they will await a final decision on their case.

In addition, nationals of a variety of Third World countries now face strict visa restrictions designed to curb the flow of foreigners into the country.

Asked how much housing asylum-seekers on board the Ursula would cost Swiss taxpayers, Arbenz declined to answer directly.

"The ship is more expensive than renting an air-raid shelter, but we couldn't bring ourselves to force them to live underground. It is, however, cheaper than a hotel," he said.

## A real dynamite

By Alan Elsner

STOCKHOLM, (Reuters): A little-known Swedish businessman played a vital role in the Gulf war by selling Iran huge amounts of ammunition and explosives, according to Swedish customs officials and arms trade experts.

Arms trader Karl-Erik Schmitz started to emerge from the shadows early in 1985 after customs officers raided his company Scandinavian Commodity in Malmö, southern Sweden.

The material they seized in that and two subsequent raids — around 18,000 documents in all — literally involved dynamite.

"We uncovered a network that had shipped millions of dollars worth of explosives, munitions and artillery components from Israel, South Africa and half a dozen Western European countries to Iran," said a senior customs officer who worked on the case.

Schmitz is awaiting trial next March on smuggling charges and faces up to six years in jail if convicted. He admits selling explosives to Iran but denies breaking Swedish law.

Officials recently gave Reuters around 1,600 pages of the material seized in the raids. They provide a unique insight into the murky world of the international arms trade.

Despite the raids, Schmitz kept on selling explosives to Iran right through 1985 and well into 1986, the documents show. Arms trade experts estimate the value of his sales to Iran at around \$600 million and say his efforts were an important factor in sustaining Tehran in its war against Iraq.

According to Aaron Karp, a researcher at the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (Sipri) who monitors the international arms trade, Iran is about 50 per cent self-sufficient in small arms ammunition, grenades, mortar bombs

and artillery shells. "Schmitz helped them make up the other half," he said.

Karp said Schmitz was able to operate so freely because European governments were unprepared for the development of a huge black market in explosives as a result of the Gulf war.

"Before this, there was no real regulation of the powder trade. Nobody wanted hundreds of millions of tons of the stuff until the Iran-Iraq war created the market," he said.

Swedish customs sent a detailed report of their findings to their counterparts in Finland, Norway, France, Belgium, Netherlands, Austria and Italy, setting off or contributing to investigations in those countries.

The documents consist of contracts, orders, invoices, bills of lading, shipping schedules, letters of credit with banks in Switzerland and London and countless telexes between Schmitz and his contacts in Tehran and all over Europe.

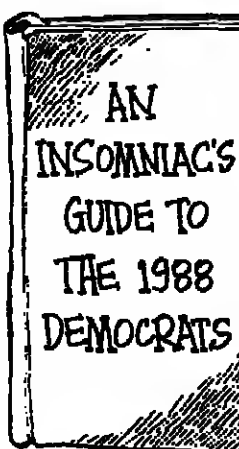
Sometimes, they make amusing reading. On Sept 19, 1985, Schmitz sent a telex to the Iranian National Defence Industries Organisation in Tehran, saying: "We would like to inform you that we are just now breaking all existing laws and regulations to make it possible to supply the goods to your organisation."

In a telephone interview, Schmitz told Reuters that the telex was an attempt to make his buyers understand the difficulties he was facing and not an admission of guilt.

In any case, he said, European governments were well aware of his activities but preferred to close their eyes to them.

"There is a factory in every country producing explosives all the time. Who buys them? Only countries at war like Iran."

Everyone kept this secret until the Swedish customs went like an elephant in a porcelain shop and destroyed it," he said.



CANDIDATE 1



Sleeps around.

CANDIDATE 2



Talks in his sleep.

CANDIDATE 3



Puts you to sleep.



Sleeps in his clothes.

CANDIDATE 5



Sleeps only in beds made in the U.S.A.

CANDIDATE 6



Still needs his sleep.

CANDIDATE 7



Is asleep.

## Ligachev's higher profile

## Lack of enthusiasm for high speed change

By Paul Quinn-Judge

MOSCOW: An apparent slowdown in the tempo of Soviet reform has been accompanied by the growth in visibility of Yegor Ligachev, the cautious second-ranking member of the ruling Communist Party Politburo.

Recent statements in the news media also indicate concern by some leaders at what they consider to be the negative side effects of glasnost (openness). These statements, coupled with Ligachev's higher profile, suggest that supporters of radical reform are facing opposition from two directions.

Resistance to reform has previously been associated largely with officials and others whose comfortable life style would be destroyed by policies of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev. Now it seems clear that some more conservative party leaders are worried that radical reform will weaken traditional moral and political values.

Those cautious of reform now seem to include the KGB (security and intelligence service) and the armed forces.

Many Soviet observers feel that Ligachev favours slower and less radical change, and not a simple return to the past. Radical reformers feel the difference is immaterial: they stress that the country needs a fast and thoroughgoing transformation, not partial improvements.

Ligachev is apparently coordinating the next plenum (due early this year) of the party Central Committee, which is scheduled to discuss education. Such meetings discuss policy, make personnel changes when necessary, and under Gorbachev have played a significant role in gaining acceptance for structural reform.

The task of coordinating the meeting would normally have seemed to fall within the purview of Alexander Yakovlev, a full (voting) member of the Politburo and a strong supporter of radical reform.

Ligachev has also recently been prominent in Central Com-

mittee meetings discussing issues as varied as Afghanistan and the quality of this year's harvest.

During an interview with the French newspaper Le Monde on Dec 3, Ligachev revealed for the first time that he, not Gorbachev, chaired sessions of the Central Committee Secretariat — the body that handles top-level policy issues between sessions of the Politburo.



Ligachev: second

Soviet officials have since stressed that this is the traditional function of the so-called second secretary. Well-informed sources say that the late ideologist Mikhail Suslov performed this task under Konstantin Chernenko. The timing of Ligachev's revelation, however — three days before the start of the Washington summit — was viewed by some observers as a clear effort to undercut Gorbachev before the summit.

Perhaps most disturbing for supporters of radical change is the fact that leaders of some of the country's major institutions — the KGB and the armed forces — have recently expressed their lack of enthusiasm for high-speed change.

The first to do so was KGB chief Viktor Chebrikov. His speech on Sept 10 prefaced in many ways Gorbachev's surprisingly low-key Nov 2 address commemorating the Bolshevik Revolution. Chebrikov's address came two weeks after a generally conservative-sounding speech by Ligachev.

Recently Defence Minister Dmitri Yazov made his views known. General Yazov was appointed minister last May in the wake of the Rust affair (in which a West German fighter flew uninvited through Soviet airspace and landed near Moscow's Red Square). Yazov was elected to the Politburo at the June plenum of the Central Committee — the high-water mark of the push for radical change.

During a meeting with writers, Yazov referred favourably to an article in the party daily Pravda by three prominent writers — Valentin Rasputin, Yuri Bondarev, and Vasily Belov.

The three men expressed concern at the growing materialism of young people, and at the "psychological and moral" damage of rock music. At least two of the writers, Bondarev and Rasputin, have in the past voiced their sympathy with Ligachev's more conservative approach to change.

In the meeting, Yazov also spoke of his "bewilderment" that some parts of the mass media sometimes brought out "articles and programmes" "spiritually disorienting" to young people. Ligachev has also expressed concern at the potential excesses of the media.

Usually well-informed Soviet sources say that performances by the more controversial rock groups in Moscow have virtually ceased.

The slowdown in discussion of reforms seems, paradoxically enough, to have followed close on the heels of what seemed at the time a breakthrough for radical reform — the June Central Committee plenum. During that meeting, Gorbachev expressed unhappiness at the slowness of change and stressed a need for a more rapid pace.

The plenum approved a law on state enterprises that came into effect Jan 1; it is intended to give industrial enterprises more administrative and financial freedom of action. Some radical reformers complain that the law is both complicated and flawed. The June meeting also endorsed a series of economic management reforms. Discussion of the planned reforms since then has been surprisingly muted.

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## Palestinians confronting Israelis

## An indigenous uprising

By Joseph C. Harsch

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM: The number killed so far in the latest wave of Arab unrest in the Middle East is not in itself as important as the fact that this movement has evidently been self-generated inside the occupied territories and among the members of the younger generation.

In the past most acts of Arab resistance against Israel have come from outside, or in response to outside stimulus. The Arab activists were primarily among the refugees who left Israel and Israel's occupied territories during the five Arab-Israeli wars. They were mostly men of the older generation.

This time the Arabs on the outside have apparently had nothing to do with the 13 days of demonstrations and rioting which since Dec 9 have broken the peace, first in the Gaza Strip, and then in various other places on the West Bank, including Jerusalem itself.

Israel says that 27 Arab youths were killed. The Arabs say the number is at least 76. This occurred during riots in which waves of schoolboys and girls have attacked Israeli police and soldiers, using stones as their main weapon. Consciously or unconsciously they are engaged in a first serious and mass effort to take control of the streets away from the Israeli police.

They will lose this battle. Israeli military power is dominant in all the territories under

Israeli rule. But this is not a last gasp of a dying movement. It is the opening battle in a new movement, the movement of the young Arabs who have lived their entire lives under Israeli rule.

Until now the Arabs of the occupied territories and of Israel itself have been largely passive bystanders in the war against Israel waged by the various factions of the Palestine Liberation Organisation operating from outside.

The Arabs living inside the lines of the Israeli Army have until now looked for their ultimate liberation to come through diplomacy. Many of them have been waiting since 1948, when Israel came into existence. Many more have been waiting since 1967, when Israel took the West Bank, Gaza, and the Golan Heights. For the first group the waiting has lasted 40 years; for the second group, 20 years.

Belief

Their hopes have been nourished by the prospect held forth ever since the 1967 war by resolutions of the United Nations calling for Israeli withdrawal from "occupied territories." These resolutions are supported by virtually the entire world. Israel itself voted for the first one, UN Resolution 242. It has repeatedly been interpreted by the United States as requiring the withdrawal of Israeli forces from most of the occupied territories, subject to minor modification of the pre-1967 boundaries.

For many years the Arabs

trusted the US to use its influence to bring compliance with UN resolution 242. President Jimmy Carter tried for this during the Camp David meetings with Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat. The Camp David agreement promised the Arabs local self-government.

But that was eight years ago. Never since has the Reagan administration applied pressure on Israel to carry out its obligations under Camp David. Hope deferred for 20 years grows cold.

The schoolchildren who daily threw the stones at Israeli soldiers during protests are exactly that, schoolchildren. They have lived their entire conscious lives under Israeli occupation. They have grown up in a community in which their parents have been a virtual slave population, the men and women who do the lowliest work at the lowest wages in Israel or for Israelis. They are the last hired and the first fired. They are voteless. Their children are in revolt at the prospect of living their own lives as their parents have led theirs.

This new generation of Arabs will continue to rebel against the condition to which their parents have submitted. Hope has run out. The Arabs on the outside have done nothing effective for 20 years to activate UN resolution 242. The Arabs of the occupied territories see no hope now except from their own actions. This will go on.

The Christian Science Monitor.

## Vital source of news on events in occupied areas

By Sergel Shargorodsky

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AP): A small office featuring a portrait of Che Guevara and pictures of black slaves driven by white masters has become a vital source of news on fast-breaking events in remote occupied West Bank villages and Gaza refugee camps.

A voice over the phone announces: "This is the Palestine Press Service. We have a news bulletin for you." This may be the first word of a violent demonstration, a firebomb attack or the shooting of an Arab protester.

The Arab-owned Palestine Press Service (PPS) receives its information through a network of reporters, freelancers and volunteers in the occupied territories, said Elias M. Zananiri, the PPS' managing director.

The PPS regards itself as an organ of the Palestine nationalist movement, reflecting the opinion of Palestinians in the occupied territories. For a monthly subscription fee of several hundred dollars, the PPS provides telex news services to some Western embassies and about 25 foreign news organisations.

Some journalists, who have no telex machines at their offices, come to the PPS for news bulletins, Zananiri said in an interview at his office in East Jerusalem.

Its views are clear from the dispatches it publishes both in its press service and the weekly Al Awdah magazine, which appears in English and Arabic. After a clash between Bethlehem University students and Israeli troops, in which one student died and leading to a three-month closure of the university, Al Awdah reported:

Source

"There is an important inference that Army-student confrontation almost automatically results in injury and death. In the same fashion, closures of universities are no longer regarded as exceptional measures. We loudly protest the drastic measures taken by the military authorities in closing the university for three months."

There are a half-dozen Arabic daily newspapers in East Jerusalem and a smattering of weeklies, but without Arab-run radio stations in the occupied territories the PPS is virtually the only source of breaking news.

"Our telephone tips are not to be taken for granted. We often have no time to double check because they concern hot events. If it comes from our reporters, we tend to go ahead," Zananiri said.

"But over the years, we managed to establish our credibility," he added.

The Israeli authorities clamped down on the PPS several years after its founding late in 1977 by Raimonda Tawil, a Palestinian attorney and political activist.

Detention

In 1982, the military censor banned publication of a PPS daily newsletter. The Al Awdah magazine cannot be distributed in the West Bank and Gaza Strip because the publishers have been unable to get a permit.

In November, the Army ordered Radwan Abu Ayyash, editor of the Awdah Arabic version and head of the Arab Journalists Association, held in jail for six months without trial under an administrative detention order.

An Israeli Army source alleged at the time that Abu Ayyash was paid by the main Fatah branch of the Palestine Liberation Organisation and carried out activities

"that have nothing to do with journalism."

"This was aimed not only at our office but at the freedom of expression in general. It was a blow to the whole Palestinian press," Zananiri said.

Ibrahim Karane, the PPS' co-owner, has said the measure "shows how much the Israeli authorities have become sensitive even to the press."

Two months ago, the PPS' telex service was subjected to military censorship. A previous agreement with the censor said the PPS would distribute uncensored material for the use of foreign reporters only, who would then submit their own stories to the military censorship.

Ahead

"We are not allowed, for example, to use the word 'revolt' to describe recent events in the territories," he said. "But these aren't Western-style riots, this is a national uprising."

The agency is usually hours ahead of the Army spokesman in reporting on events and regularly beats state and army radios.

"We also have a problem of access," Zananiri said. "Arab reporters can be detained if they cover a demonstration, and the Army would say they took part in it."

Others PPS sources include "people who call us voluntarily or taxi drivers who drive from one Palestinian village to another," he said. Zananiri said that such information can become distorted by rumours.

The recent riots, for instance, were sparked after rumours that the deaths of four Arabs struck by an Israeli military truck on Dec 8 was a deliberate act of revenge for the stabbing death of an Israeli businessman.

"A couple of days ago, I got an anonymous phone call, and this person told me that two people were shot dead by Israeli troops in Gaza city," Zananiri said.

"I ordered our reporter to check," he continued, "and he found that the sound of shooting came from fireworks that some children decided to put inside the tyres they set ablaze."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1558 — Geneva becomes independent canton in Switzerland.

1719 — France declares war on Spain.

1792 — Russia ends war with Turkey by Treaty of Jassy.



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Takeshita to meet Reagan next week

# Leaders to review dollar stability

TOKYO, Jan. 8. (Reuters): President Reagan and Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita are expected to affirm the importance of a stable US dollar when they meet in Washington next week, government officials said yesterday.

"The stability of exchange rates is very important," a Foreign Ministry official told reporters. "I think this will be reiterated (by the two leaders)."

The official, who asked not to be identified, told reporters that the world economy was entering a difficult time following the steep fall of the dollar and the global stock market crash in October.

"What is very important is to regain market confidence," he said.

Major nations, including the United States and Japan, warned late last year that a further fall of the dollar could hurt the world

economy.

The markets at first ignored the warning, pushing the dollar to record post-war lows against the Japanese yen and West German mark.

The US currency has since rebounded, helped by massive dollar buying by major nations, but many foreign-exchange dealers remain sceptical that its strength will last.

Although officials expect Reagan and Takeshita to reaffirm the importance of a stable dollar, they played down the possibility of the two leaders spelling out specific steps to achieve that end.

**Rebound**

"I don't think there will be any surprises," a senior Finance Ministry official said in a telephone interview.

Top Japanese business leaders urged Takeshita on Tuesday to come up with concrete ways to

stabilise the dollar when he meets Reagan next week.

But the Finance Ministry official said the dollar's rebound from post-war lows of 120.45 yen on Monday removed the need for any new specific pact.

Foreign Ministry officials indicated that Takeshita will go to the United States prepared to make concessions in three areas of interest to Washington.

One official said Japan hoped to come up with specific ways to help foreign companies gain a greater share of government-funded construction contracts before Takeshita leaves for Washington.

The US Congress has voted to retaliate against Japan because it believes foreign companies have been shut out of its public construction market.

Another official said Takeshita was likely to present a plan to Reagan for Tokyo to shoulder

a greater share of the costs of US military bases in Japan.

A senior Agriculture Ministry official said on Wednesday that Japan would accept in principle a ruling by the world trade body GATT that it scrap import quotas on 10 farm products.

But under a deal worked out with the United States, it will maintain quotas on two of the products — starch and evaporated milk — for the time being, he said.

**Allegations**

Meanwhile, Japan's Finance Ministry wants tighter controls on insider trading in securities.

"The definition (of insider trading) is very vague and difficult to determine," Kazumoto Suzuki, director of the ministry's stock-dealing inspection division, said in an interview.

He said the ministry hoped to finish a draft revision of the law

next month to be presented to Parliament.

Late last year the Osaka Stock Exchange probed allegations that banks, securities houses and company executives had engaged in insider trading of shares of Tateho Chemical Industries shortly before Tateho disclosed huge losses from bond market investments.

The probe found no evidence of insider trading that would be covered by the existing law although the exchange said questionable trading had occurred.

Market experts said the globalisation of stock markets and greater participation by foreign investors and brokers in the Tokyo market have boosted pressure on Japan to tighten its rules.

Specific prohibitions on insider trading, transactions based on corporate information not available to the public, apply

under the current law only to company executives and shareholders with more than 10 per cent of a company's shares.

"The possibility of trading on inside information is not limited to such persons," Suzuki said.

**Revisions**

He said possible legal revisions to be discussed at a Finance Ministry Advisory Committee meeting included:

— Expanding the definition of insiders to include all company employees and people or firms with long-term ties to a company, such as lawyers, accountants, underwriters and banks.

— Creating some restrictions on trading on privileged information obtained by securities analysts and journalists.

— Restoring a clause requiring company directors and major shareholders to report holdings in their companies and all transactions in that company's stock.

## World Business Summary

### No plan to revalue currency: Hong Kong

HONG KONG, Jan. 8. (Reuters): A senior Hong Kong official said yesterday the British colony would not revalue its currency despite renewed pressure from the United States. Secretary of Monetary Affairs David Nendick said in a radio interview that the colony's peg of 7.8 Hong Kong dollars to one US dollar would stay.

US Senator Lloyd Bentsen, a Texas Democrat and chairman of the powerful Finance Committee, on Wednesday urged Hong Kong to help the United States reduce its huge trade deficit by revaluing the currency. Nendick said Bentsen was "giving a clear message" during meetings with senior officials the link would not be adjusted. The Hong Kong dollar has been pegged to the US dollar since 1983 when fears over the colony's political future sent the currency into a tailspin. Revaluing the Hong Kong dollar would make the colony's exports less competitive. But the government had adamantly refused to change the peg, saying it was needed to maintain political confidence in the colony which reverts to Chinese rule in 1997. In a related move to protect the peg and discourage currency speculation, the Hong Kong Association of Banks said it met to consider imposing negative interest rates, or fees on big bank deposits. An association spokesman said no action would be taken immediately but a technical group would study ways to impose negative rates, which would discourage speculators from shifting funds into Hong Kong dollars.

**Moscow in secret grain talks with America**

LONDON, Jan. 8. (Reuters): Soviet and US grain officials held a secret meeting here on Wednesday and probably discussed extending Soviet purchases of American grain. London traders said yesterday. The Soviet Union, the world's biggest grain buyer, called for the surprise talks with the United States, which is the biggest exporter, and asked for them to be kept secret, diplomats and traders told Reuters. A US official in Washington asked to comment on the talks, said they were largely exploratory. Grain traders said the talks probably covered future Soviet purchases of US subsidised grain and the possible extension of a five-year grain agreement between the two countries. But the Washington official told Reuters the meeting was very preliminary. "You won't find any agreement coming out of this (on) the LTA (long term grain agreement)," he said. "We are still very much a long way away from announcing anything." Under a controversial but effective US export subsidy programme, American grain traders sell Moscow wheat at reduced prices, and the US government supplements the exporters with surplus grain from government stocks. For 10 years a cornerstone of US-Soviet trade, the current five-year pact expires on September 30, and US and Soviet officials have announced that a meeting would be held early this year to decide the future of the agreement. Oleg Klimov, recently-appointed head of the Soviet grain buying agency Exportkhleb, and Tom Kay, head of the US Agriculture Department's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), attended the London meeting, traders and diplomats said. US embassy and Soviet officials in London declined to comment on what took place. The unexpected and hastily-arranged talks took place on Wednesday morning, after officials from Washington and Moscow flew into London on Tuesday. US officials flew back to Washington early on Wednesday afternoon, traders said. The Soviet party also met separately with several exporters here, they added.

**Oil futures continue upward movement**

NEW YORK, Jan. 8. (Opecna): Crude oil futures posted modest gains on Tuesday as "carry-over" buying from Monday when prices of all energy contracts soared in reports of a squeeze in London's cash market for North Sea Brent. With no further details of the squeeze available, futures traders in West Texas Intermediate, the US benchmark, appeared to be working time, according to Steven Errera, president of Energy Futures Inc. Errera said: "Just before the holidays, it appears that a number of traders who had sold cargoes on North Sea Brent in London's cash market were suddenly unable, for reasons that are still unclear, to secure and deliver sufficient quantities of crude without sending prices skyward." Errera said that while traders in New York's crude futures market who sold short were not caught in a squeeze of the classic kind, the surge in recent sessions spurred many to offset their losing short positions and equivalent number of purchases, a major factor in Monday's sharp rise. The London cash market trades cargoes of North Sea Brent, each consisting of roughly 600,000 barrels. Tuesday's close of the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) found spot February oil delivery up by 16 cents a barrel at \$17.85, the same contract which jumped by 99 cents Monday. Meanwhile, spot February heating oil futures rose by 83 hundredths of a cent a gallon to 53.59 cents. This contract had shot up by 2.77 cents on Monday. March heating oil contracts rose by 1.12 cents a gallon to 50.85 cents in expectation of a continuation of the current cold wave in many parts of the United States.

**Plan approved to cut productive farm land**

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Jan. 8. (AP): The European Economic Community's executive office has approved a plan for paying farmers to keep land out of production, a spokesman said yesterday. The plan, considered a crucial element in a controversial package of farm policy reforms, will be submitted to the member governments for approval, said Michael Berendt, an EEC commission spokesman. He said there were no plans to release details of the proposal before it is presented to the national governments. He declined to say why. Agriculture ministers of the 12 EEC member countries are to discuss the plan at a meeting in Brussels on Jan. 18. If approved, the proposal could ease the way to agreement on a series of key EEC financial and agricultural reforms to be debated by the EEC heads of government at a special summit meeting on Feb. 11 in Brussels. The idea of paying farmers to keep land out of production was discussed at the last summit, in Copenhagen last month, at the insistence of West Germany. No agreement was reached, but the Bonn government said inclusion of a "set-aside" programme for farmers was a precondition for full agreement on a broad reform of the EEC's agricultural policy.

**World Bank loan to Uganda**

KAMPALA, Jan. 8. (Reuters): The World Bank says it is lending Uganda \$10 million to help the East African country fight AIDS. Resident representative Grant Slade told reporters on Monday that a World Bank delegation would visit Uganda later this month to identify specific programmes to be supported by the loan, being made on easy terms and repayable over 40 years.

Last May, a conference of international donors pledged \$16 million to help the Ugandan government set up a five-year programme to control Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, but Slade said more money was needed.

"We in the World Bank feel that despite the recent pledges by an international conference in Kampala last year on AIDS, there is still considerable lack of resources... to control AIDS," he said.

Slade said the bank delegation would visit Rakai district in southeast Uganda where AIDS was first detected in the country nearly five years ago and where there are now many cases.

Uganda has more than 1,800 confirmed AIDS victims.

### Kuwait, Egypt plan committee to expand economic ties

CAIRO, Jan. 8. (Reuters): Kuwait and Egypt plan to set up a committee to strengthen their economic ties, Kuwait's Finance Minister Jassem Mohammed Al Khorafi said yesterday.

"We hope to establish the joint committee in the near future to encourage, develop and protect investments and trade between the two countries," he told a news conference.

Khorafi, who is on a three-day official visit to Egypt, said details of the committee were still being discussed.

He confirmed that Kuwait had given Egypt financial aid over the past two years. "We consider it a duty, not just assistance," he said.

**Scope**

He said total Kuwaiti loans, deposits and investments in Egypt had reached \$3.5 billion, but there was scope for even more investment.

Khorafi earlier had talks with Egyptian Prime Minister Atef Sedki and other ministers. He met President Hosni Mubarak on Wednesday and signed a KD10 million loan to develop Egypt's pharmaceutical industry.

He declined to comment on reports of closer military cooperation between Egypt and Kuwait or reported negotiations to buy Egyptian arms.

Kuwait, with eight other Arab states, restored diplomatic relations after an Arab League summit in Amman. Most Arab states cut ties in 1979 when Egypt signed its peace treaty with Israel.

Mubarak will visit Kuwait on Monday as part of a tour of Gulf Arab states.

**US construction spending jumps**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8. (AP): Construction spending in the United States jumped 2.2 per cent in November, the largest increase in nine months, the government said yesterday.

The Commerce Department reported that spending on new construction rose to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$419.5 billion in November following a 0.1 per cent drop in October. It was the biggest one-month increase since a 4.4 per cent gain last February.

The advance was led by a 6.9 per cent jump in spending for non-residential construction, which climbed to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$366.2 billion.

**Construction**

Spending for residential construction was also up a healthy 1.1 per cent to an annual rate of \$207.1 billion. The residential gain included a 0.9 per cent increase in construction of single-family homes and a 2.5 per cent rise in construction of multi-family housing.

The increase in non-residential construction included big increases in all of the major categories. Factory construction rose 13.3 per cent followed by gains of 6.9 per cent for office building, 6.1 per cent for shopping centres and other commercial structures and 5.9 per cent for hotels and motels.

Construction in the government category climbed 1 per cent in November to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$77.5 billion even though the largest category, highway construction, was unchanged at an annual rate of \$24.9 billion.

### Ricoh develops colour picture telephone

TOKYO, Jan. 8. (Reuters): Ricoh, a leading Japanese maker of copiers and facsimile machines, has developed a device capable of sending still colour pictures over ordinary telephone lines, a spokesman said yesterday.

Ricoh's colour telephone is the first to use facsimile and data compression technology, enabling it to send colour images faster than black and white pictures transmitted by machines marketed by Sony, Mitsubishi and other companies, he said.

**Leapfrogged**

Ricoh has leapfrogged competitors with its entry to the field, but the race is far from over, industry analysts said.

"It's still too early. The idea is to get a moving picture of the other person," said Darrel Whit-

ten, associate director of Far East Research at Prudential-Bache Securities.

Still pictures are good for displaying maps or photos or seeing what someone looks like before meeting them. But they cannot show the body language that dominates face-to-face communication, analysts said.

Whitten said moving pictures will have to await the spread of Integrated Services Digital Networks (ISDN) built of fibre-optic cables. They provide much greater capacity, simplifying the task of sending moving images, he said.

The laying of ISDN networks will begin soon in Japan and they are expected to be widespread within five years, opening the door to picturephones for the masses, he added.

Nevertheless, Ricoh's system is remarkable in its ability to stuff a dense amount of data over a low capacity phone line, he said.

Images captured by a still video camera are digitalised, transmitted in from one to four seconds, and displayed on a three-inch diagonal liquid crystal display screen.

**Hopes**

Machines now on the market send black and white images in from 1.5 to 10 seconds. They are displayed on standard television tubes.

The Ricoh spokesman said its colour telephone could be marketed as early as September and would cost about 100,000 yen (\$775).

Black and white systems, available in Japan since 1986 and

### New strategy to reduce debt

CARACAS, Jan. 8. (Reuters): Venezuela, Latin America's fourth-largest debtor nation, is studying a way to reduce its debt similar to a plan that Mexico recently forged with the United States, Caracas newspapers reported yesterday.

The El Universal and El Nacional newspapers both said Venezuelan officials were looking at a plan to buy back part of the nation's \$33.2 billion of foreign debt at a discount, using a new issue of debt bonds as payment, as in the Mexican plan.

On December 31 Mexico agreed to buy about \$10 billion of so-called zero-coupon bonds from the US Treasury for about \$1.8 billion. The bonds do not pay interest and so are bought at a deep discount.

Ricoh said it would develop a moving picture system in the near future. Sony and Mitsubishi said they were also researching such systems, but could not give a development timetable.

### Spanish building group sets up holding company with Kuwait

MADRID, Jan. 8. (Reuters): A fast-growing Spanish construction group is setting up a holding company with the Kuwait Investment Office (KIO) to administer a joint stake in Spain's biggest bank, Banco Central de España.

A spokesman for Construcciones Y Contratas Sa (Concyon) told Reuters the new company, due to be constituted soon, would initially hold 12.25 per cent of Banco Central although further share purchases were not ruled out.

**Intended**

A top manager, close to Concyon said the construction group intended to raise the joint stake in Banco Central step by step.

Concyon, which also owns 34 per cent of a middle-ranking Spanish bank, Bancan Zaragozano, and has interests in property and cement, announced last November it was joining forces with KIO to acquire the joint shareholding in Central.

The construction group is controlled by two young Spanish

entrepreneurs, Alberto Cortina and Alberto Alcocer. The two men are cousins and widely known here as "Los Albertos."

Concyon will hold 51.2 per cent of the shares in the new holding company, Cartera Central, with KIO holding the balance, the spokesman said. Alcocer will chair Cartera and a top KIO official, Fuad Jaffar, will be deputy chairman.

The new company, with starting capital of 41.1 billion pesetas (\$360 million), plans to subscribe to its share of a planned seven billion pesetas (\$60 million dollar) capital increase by Banco Central.

**Agreed**

Both parties had agreed to conduct any further purchases of Banco Central shares through the joint holding company and KIO had also committed itself to retaining its shareholding in Cartera Central for at least five years.

Concyon is paying for its stake in Cartera in cash but is raising

part of the finance through the sale to KIO of Urbanor, a property company which owns a prime office development in Madrid.

The new holding company will bring together a 4.98 per cent stake in Central currently held by SGM, a Swiss-registered company owned by KIO, and a further 5.27 per cent stake held by Banque Privee of Switzerland.

Voting rights on a further two per cent of Banco Central, held by a Spanish paper company, Torres Hostench, which is controlled by KIO, will also be made over to Cartera Central.

Bank analysts said the joint company appeared to be a compromise arrangement enabling KIO to retain a significant stake in a major Spanish bank without exercising direct control.

They said the Bank of Spain was concerned when KIO last year acquired its stake in Central as well as a 4.65 per cent shareholding in Banco De Vizcaya, another major Spanish bank.

### Indonesia urges global economic solutions

JAKARTA, Jan. 8. (Reuters): President Suharto called for global solutions to world economic problems at a banquet for visiting Italian Prime Minister Giovanni Goria after unveiling a national budget weighed down by overseas debt.

"In developing our nation we are aware of the heavy burden we must carry. But we are also aware that we need cooperation and aid from outside the country to ensure that development continues," he said on Wednesday.

"Foreign aid and investment, in fact, has stimulated our economic growth," Suharto said.

**Reliance**

Indonesia's reliance on foreign funds has become a hot topic of debate since the President on Tuesday presented his debt-laden state budget for the next fiscal year.

The plan earmarks one-third of total expenditures to pay foreign debts and shows a quarter of total state revenues are to be derived from foreign aid.

Some Indonesian economists

and foreign bankers said in discussions with foreign correspondents on Wednesday that Jakarta can make a good case for restructuring its government debt of \$35.19 billion.

But the government on Wednesday pledged not to join the queue of Third World countries seeking to reschedule their debt, saying it will have a chilling effect on new foreign investment and concessional lending from overseas banks.

**Exports**

Indonesia, the only Asian member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, instead is counting on boosting exports outside the petroleum sector by 20 per cent to help pay this year's \$6 billion bill to its foreign creditors.

Indonesia is hosting an Asia-Pacific trade conference on Bali Island opening today and is expected to push for more market access to prevent a slowdown in world trade, stemming from the aftermath of October's global stock market crash.

Oil hunt stepped up

LONDON, Jan. 8. (Reuters): The level of oil exploration in Britain's North Sea rebounded in 1987 from a slump caused by weak prices and the rate of new finds was the best for a decade, analysts said yesterday.

Stockbrokers Wood Mackenzie Co. which makes studies of North Sea oil developments, a specialist, said in a report that drilling tripled in the last four months of 1987.

Thirty-nine exploration and appraisal wells were sunk, up from a seven-year low last March when only 13 were being drilled. In the same 1986 period 20 wells were sunk.

"It was a very encouraging year," Wood Mackenzie North

Sea analyst David Black told Reuters.

A 1985-86 crash in world oil prices took North Sea crude down about 60 per cent to below \$9 a barrel. With companies pinched for cash and oil's prospects seeming in doubt, the quest for new petroleum reserves was badly hit.

Wood Mackenzie said last year's drilling success rate of 26 per cent was a 10-year high.

Reserves discovered per exploration well were sharply below those in the early 1970s when giant fields were found. But they rose in 1987 compared with the previous six years, defying expectations the ratio would fall gradually, Black said.

**Truck servicing centre planned**

PARIS, Jan. 8. (Opecna): Kuwait Petroleum International (KPI), the European subsidiary of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC), will open its truck servicing centre in France this April, says a report in the Les Echos newspaper.

The centre in the southeastern part of the country, which will exclusively cater for trucks, is to be located on a highway between the cities of Dijon and Lyon.

KPI has so far set up 135 truck centres throughout Europe under the International Diesel Service (IDS) trade mark, 35 of them in Scandinavia.

KPI plans to have between 250 and 300 selling points across Europe.

### Bonn urged to stimulate economy

BONN, West Germany, Jan. 8. (AP): A US official said yesterday that West Germany should take further steps to stimulate its economy as a means of helping to ward off a possible worldwide recession.

"We think there is room for more economic growth in Germany," said a high-ranking Bonn-based official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

**Moved up**

In an effort to boost economic growth, West Germany in December moved up part of its 1990 tax cuts to 1988 and announced an investment incentive programme of 21 billion marks (\$13 billion) of cheap loans to communities and busi-

nesses.

As further measures West Germany should consider, the US official suggested the following: further accelerating tax cuts; deregulation, including liberalising the country's stringently regulated shopping hours; and "steps to improve labour mobility."

Earlier yesterday, Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg said he would not heed calls to stimulate the economy by moving forward or increasing planned tax cuts.

"We cannot make any decisions that would further increase the (West German 1988 budget) deficit," he said.

Stoltenberg had just announced that the 1988 budget deficit would be substantially higher than predicted, mostly because of the fall of the US dollar.

The government calculates into the budget the profits from the Deutsche Bundesbank, or central bank. The Bundesbank has had to intervene massively to bolster the dollar recently, which affects the bank's profits.

Stoltenberg has said he expects West Germany's economy to grow between 1.5 per cent and two per cent this year.

Referring to that estimate, the US official said: "We think that is too low. We want to see more growth... because we think it will have a ripple effect on Europe as a whole."

### Dunkel warns against retreat to protectionism

JAKARTA, Jan. 8. (Reuters): A senior world trade official warned yesterday against a retreat into protectionism as a response to gyrations on the world currency market and the crash in global stock prices.

Austrian Trade Negotiations minister Michael Duffy said in Canberra this week that the conference marked the start of an important year for the latest round of multilateral trade negotiations.

Delegates to the conference include US Trade Representative Clayton Yeutter, Japan's Minister for International Trade and Industry Hajime Tamura and trade ministers or officials from Canada, China, South Korea, New Zealand and South-

east Asia.

"Today keeping the Uruguay round negotiations on track towards further liberalisation... has a crucial role to play in improving internationally the economic policy environment," Dunkel said.

**Difficulties**

GATT was established in Geneva in 1948 as a legislative and negotiating framework in international trade relations. The four-year Uruguay round of negotiations began in 1986.

"Under no circumstance should the recent monetary and financial difficulties be used as a pretext for protectionism, or for lessening efforts in the Uruguay round negotiations," Dunkel

said.

"On the contrary, it needs to be recognised that the efforts that are underway to maintain and extend global growth and world demand can only succeed if markets remain open at the international level and the multilateral trading system fulfils its primary function in this respect," Dunkel said.

"Trade and output growth is indeed sluggish, unemployment remains at unacceptably high levels, and, even worse, monetary and financial instability is having negative spillover effects on trade."

He did not detail the negative effects. But he cautioned against creeping protectionist sentiment in America.



LONDON (Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-GR	PREV-TR
ABBEY LFE	253/0	1424.5	100.3	1373.3
ALD LYONS	341.0	0	908.49	908.22
ANSTRAD	132.0	87.38	87.82	88.49
ARGYLL GP	192.0	308.6	312.5	302.1
ASDA MFI	166/0	0	453.87	450.65
A B FOODS	305.0	0	1792.3	1663.6
BAA PP	96.0	117.31	116.38	115.04
BAT IND	275/0	95.77	95.60	90.79
BARCLAYS	385/0	104.11	103.79	99.08
BASS	815/0			
BEAZER	182.0			
BEECHAM	71.02			
BET ORD	232/0			
BICC PLC	37.0			
BLUE ARROW	93.0			
BLUE CIRC	432.0			
BOC GP	408/0			
BOOTS CO	45.75			
BRB INDS	270.0			
BR COMM	333/0			
BR AIRWAY	150.0			
BR AEROSP	360.0			
BR GAS PP	141/0			
B.P.	261/0			
B.P. NEW	78.0			
BR TELCOM	225/0			
BRITTOIL	447/0			
BUNZL	178.0			
BURMAN OL	437.0			
BURTON	30.00			
CABLEWIR	349.0			
CADBURYS	252/0			
COATS VTY	260.0			
COIN UNY	335/0			
CORR GOLD	905/0			
CORRONS	532/0			
COURTAULD	330/0			
DALGETY	317.0			
DEE CP	201/4			
DIXONS	216.0			
ENG CHINA	413.0			
ENTER OIL	271/0			
FERRANTI	88/0			
FISONS	258.0			
GEN ACCIO	840/0			
GEN ELEC	166.0			
GLAXO	985/0			
GRANDADA	257/0			
GLOBE	137/0			
GRAND NET	443.0			
GUS A	115/0			
GUARD RTL	855/0			
GUINNESS	305.0			
GUINNESS A	289/0			
HANSON	545.0			
HANSON SID	137/0			
HILLSDOWN	468/0			
HILLSDOWN	282/6			

LONDON (Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
A.B. ELECT	383/0	380/0
APV PLC	127/0	126/0
AARONSON	115/0	116/0
AAH HDG	312/0	312/0
ACATOS-HIT	439/0	439/0
ADDISON G	97/0	98/0
ADVEST GP	290/0	291/0
AILEA	143/0	146/0
ALEX WIRK	178/0	180/0
ALLIANCE	744/0	750/0
ALLD COLL	122/0	122/0
ALLD PIAN	50/4	51/0
AMARI PLC	152/0	153/0
AMEC TRC	327/0	327/0
AMER TRUS	106/4	109/0
AMERSHAM	448/0	450/0
ANGLIA TV	371/0	368/0
ANSBACHER	70/0	70/0
U-APP HOL	359/0	358/0
APPLEYARD	338/0	338/0
APRICOT	97/0	96/0
ARMSTRONG	155/0	155/0
ANGLO O'S	152/0	153/0
AUSCULTUM	270/0	270/0
ASHLEY L	130/0	130/0
AUTO SEC	249/0	248/0
AVIS EUR	286/0	285/0
AVON RUBB	640/0	640/0
BBA GP	160/0	162/0
BAILL JAP	75/0	76/0
BIGG INTL	393/0	393/0
BK OF SCO	550/0	549/0
BARKER DO	147/0	148/0
BART DEV	183/0	183/0
B.WEINILL	150/0	150/0
BEJAM GP	192/0	192/0
BELHAVEN	47/0	47/0
BELLWAY	189/0	190/0
BENMOSE	184/0	183/0
BENLOX HD	32/0	32/0
U-BENNETT	42/0	42/0
BENTLISH	154/0	155/0
BERTSFORD	324/0	324/0
BERKELEY	264/0	265/0
BLACK LE 2	20/0	20/0
BOASE MAS	268/0	269/0
BOODINGTO	144/0	145/0
BOOKER PL	393/0	393/0
BORTHWICK	47/0	47/0
BOWATER	372/0	373/0
BOWTHORPE	172/0	172/0
BRAMMER	235/0	236/0
BREIT EUR	131/0	132/0
BREIT WKR	309/0	310/0
BRIDON	150/0	151/0
BRITANNIC	005/0	005/0
BR ASSETS	64/4	67/0
BR LND CO	260/0	259/0
BR VITA	429/0	430/0
BRIXTON E	238/0	237/0

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## Lebanese inflation hits record

BEIRUT, Jan 8. (Reuters): The inflation rate in Lebanon, battered by nearly 13 years of civil war, reached a record 730 per cent in 1987, figures from the General Labour Federation said today.

The year-on-year rate was up from 104 per cent in 1986, the previous record.

Officials at the Federation, Lebanon's trade union umbrella body, told Reuters they expected the news to fuel a further round in the inflation spiral. No government figures have been issued or 1987.

### Tackle

Theskyrocketing cost of living prompted unprecedented worker protests last year in the country of three million people.

The federation launched an indefinite general strike in November but called it off after five days when the government pledged to tackle a key grievance — the decline of the Lebanese pound.

## Bank of England may boost interest rates

# Dollar falls on new budget worries

NEW YORK, Jan 8. (Reuters): A report that the US federal budget deficit may swell far above the legal limit next year halted the dollar's four-day advance today and pounded stocks on Wall Street.

The key Dow Jones industrial average, after rising 113 points this week, was off 29 points at 2,022 after just over an hour of trading as investors were disheartened by fresh budget worries. Share prices edged lower in London as well.

The massive budget deficit, a tremendous drag on the US economy, was a major contributor to the stock market's loss of confidence in October. The market did not begin to recover until Congress and the White House agreed in November to reduce the deficit.

The dollar opened higher in New York on confidence that the leading industrial nations would support it, but dealers said it was

quickly undermined by a report in the Washington Post that said the 1989 budget could rise \$31 billion above the legal limit if the economy performs as private forecasters are predicting, dealers said.

The dollar was quoted at 1.6520 marks at 10am (1500 GMT) in New York, down from yesterday's close of 1.6565. It fell to 129.35 Japanese yen from 130.15.

A decline in the US jobless rate to 5.8 per cent in December from 5.9 per cent the previous month battered US government bond prices.

### Lifting

"It's a sign the economy is going along OK, and if it's going along pretty well, the Fed is not under any pressure to lower (interest) rates to keep the economy growing," a bond trader said.

The benchmark 30-year treasury bond was down more

than two points in early trading, lifting its yield to 9.15 per cent from 8.95 per cent at yesterday's close.

The credit market was also undermined after four days of gains. The dollar had added more than 10 pennings from its all-time low against the West German mark on Monday on the view that the leading industrial nations were committed to lifting the troubled currency.

It received a boost yesterday, when Federal Reserve vice chairman Manuel Johnson said the Group of Seven had fixed no ceiling on the dollar's value in terms of exchange rates.

### Involved

Johnson's comments eased foreign exchange dealers' fears that central banks may intervene and sell dollars if the US currency rises too quickly.

Johnson said economic fundamentals support a stronger dollar. He cautioned the

currency markets: "We are involved in a joint exchange rate intervention policy to penalise speculators who think there is a one-way bet on the dollar."

For weeks and months, economists have said the dollar cannot rise unless the US trade performance improves. Dealers say the US November trade data, due next Friday, should help set the tone for the currency.

The dollar's prospects also have been darkened by Washington's inability to cut the budget, which is bound to slow America's economic growth.

The British pound rose to \$1.7995 from yesterday's close of \$1.7965 on the Bank of England's hint that it may boost British interest rates to keep inflation at bay.

### Prospects

Gold prices rose on prospects of continuing large US budget deficits. The February contract rose \$1.60 to \$484.70 on the commodity exchange in New York.

In London, the pound slumped \$4 to a fix of \$479.50 on the dollar's strength earlier in the trading day.

Share prices fell in London as investors were discouraged by the falls in the US financial markets. The Financial Times-Stock Exchange index was down 3.4 points in late trading at 1,783.8.

But shares were higher in markets that closed while the dollar was strong. West German, French, Swiss and Spanish stocks rose as investors translated the dollar's gains as beneficial to those countries' export sectors.

### Recorded

In Asia, Tokyo shares recorded their fourth straight gain. The Nikkei average rose 80.43 points to 22,872.56.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng index ended 8.15 points higher at 2,460.67, but Australian shares retreated again. The All Ordinaries index lost 6.5 points to 1,310.1 in Sydney.

## By how much did the dollar drop in '87

LONDON, Jan 8. (AP): Question: By how much did the dollar drop in 1987?

A. 23.8 per cent  
B. 17.6 per cent  
C. 9.6 per cent  
D. It didn't drop, it rose.  
E. All of the above.

Answer: E. There are different ways of determining the dollar's value against major foreign currencies, and they yield widely disparate results.

The most commonly used measure is just raw, spot currency exchange rates.

### Sharply

On the basis of raw rates — which are averages of bid and asked dealing rates among banks — the dollar fell most sharply against the Canadian dollar, or 5.8 per cent, during the past 12 months.

There are several problems, however, with measuring the

dollar's decline this way. Obviously, the rates only show how the dollar did against one currency.

The rates also are moving targets, and different people could use different rates, say later rates in New York, to make their calculations. Or one could decide to calculate the decline over a different time period, say from before the major industrial nations decided in New York in September 1985 to push the dollar downward.

These would yield different results, in the latter case, a much sharper decline than in 1987 only.

### Costly

In addition, these rates do not reflect the true cost to consumers, who find more costly rates when they go to the bank or a dealer to change money for vacations and also must pay fees for the service.

Other problems are that these rates aren't trade-weighted, or adjusted to take into account the amount of trade the United States has with each country, and they aren't adjusted for inflation. The Federal Reserve Board in Washington publishes daily a widely quoted, trade-weighted index of the dollar's value against 10 major foreign currencies.

This index dropped 17.6 per cent to 88.52 on Dec 31 from 103.79 on Dec 31, 1986.

### Measure

The Fed's index, which is not inflation-adjusted, includes the currencies of the group of 10 nations: West Germany, Japan, France, Britain, Italy, Canada, The Netherlands, Belgium, Sweden and Switzerland.

The group actually is made up of 11 countries since it includes the United States.

Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co., meanwhile, keeps

trade-weighted indexes of its own, but these measure the dollar against 18 major currencies.

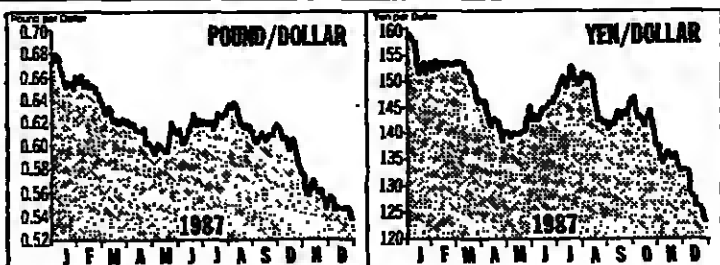
They are the currencies of Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Britain, Canada, China, France, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, Singapore, South Korea, Switzerland, Taiwan, Venezuela, and West Germany.

The decline in this index and the Fed's index are similar even though the dollar has risen against some of the currencies manufacturers has included, such as those of Mexico and Brazil, and has fallen only slightly against other currencies it has included, such as those of Taiwan and South Korea.

### Doubled

The dollar, for example, more than doubled in value to finish at 2,260 Mexican pesos in 1987 vs 880 pesos in 1986.

The manufacturers Hanover



Trust index fell 17.8 per cent to 149.73 on Dec 31 from 182.12 on Dec 30, 1986, the last day of that year for which the index is available.

The New York-based bank also has a "real" version of its index, which discounts inflation, making the dollar's decline look much less dramatic.

By this measure, the dollar fell 9.6 per cent to 149.90 on Dec 31 from 165.76 on Dec 30, 1986.

Here are late interbank dealing dollar rates in Europe on Dec 31, 1987, and the percentage change from such late rates on Dec 31, 1986:

— 1.3815 West German marks,

down 17.8 per cent from 1.9250  
— 1.2770 Swiss francs, down 20.7 per cent from 1.6110  
— 5.3275 French francs, down 16.3 per cent from 6.3825  
— 1.7765 Dutch guilders, down 18.2 per cent from 2.1720  
— 1.169.50 Italian lire, down 12.9 per cent from 1.343.00  
— 1.3000 Canadian dollars, down 5.8 per cent from 1.3805

The dollar fell 21.4 per cent against the British pound in London, where the pound was quoted at \$1.8850 late on Dec 31 vs 1.4830 a year ago.

In Tokyo, the dollar fell 23.8 per cent to 122.00 yen from 160.10 yen.

## New financial regulatory body proposed

WASHINGTON, Jan 8. (AP): A presidential commission studying the October stock market plunge recommends creation of a new high-level regulatory body to oversee the nation's financial markets, administration officials say.

The officials, who spoke yesterday on the condition of anonymity, said the panel headed by former Sen. Nicholas F. Brady also would propose daily limits on stock price swings and tighter requirements for buying securities on credit.

The five-member commission, named by President Ronald Reagan in the aftermath of the Oct 19 stock market collapse which saw a record 508-point drop in the Dow Jones industrial average, was to release its findings today at a White House news conference.

### Unified

The Commission calls for closer regulation of the various securities markets, claiming lack of unified oversight authority added to the confusion surrounding the chaos in financial markets on Oct 19 and Oct 30, the source said.

It proposes leaving in place the present Securities and Exchange Commission, which regulates stock transactions, and the commodity futures trading commission, which oversees the sale of financial futures, the officials said.

The panel reportedly rejected proposals that the two regulatory bodies be merged, or that the SEC be given expanded authority over all markets.

Instead, the sources said the commission is proposing a new umbrella panel, made up of government and Wall Street representatives, to oversee the operation of all markets.

The Wall Street Journal, which published details of the commission's recommendations yesterday, said the Brady commission would recommend a "radical overhaul" of the regulation of stock and other financial markets.

### Reflecting

Administration officials later in the day confirmed that the journal story presented an accurate account of the commission's key findings.

Price movement limits, which currently exist on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, likely would be imposed by Wall Street traders to say limits would simply give trading to European and other foreign markets.

Critics also say limits would prevent the market from immediately reflecting real declines in value and could have a "gravitational effect," the theory that once stocks approach the limit they would keep falling until they hit it.

## US jobless rate falls to 5.8 pc

WASHINGTON, Jan 8. (Reuters): The US civilian unemployment rate fell to 5.8 per cent in December from 5.9 per cent in November, the Labour Department said today.

The government also said that 326,000 non-farm jobs were created last month, including 97,000 in goods-producing industries. In November, non-farm payrolls rose by 263,000.

Economists said the statistics were further evidence that the economy ended the year on a surprisingly strong note and that fears of a swift slowdown in spending and production because of October's stock market crash were largely misplaced.

### Lowest

The December unemployment rate of 5.8 per cent, which was the lowest since July 1979, was down from 6.7 per cent in December 1986, the Department said.

Manufacturing employment increased by 40,000 to 19.38 million as American exporters continued to enjoy booming business thanks to the decline in the dollar.

More jobs in machinery and electrical equipment industries accounted for half the increase in manufacturing employment. The service industries were

also strong last month, hiring 229,000 workers. The total included 35,000 new jobs in business services and 400,000 in health services.

### Flat

But retail trade employment was flat for a second consecutive month, the Department said, as jobs in general merchandise stores showed a seasonally adjusted decline of 35,000 the October-December period.

There were a total 18.42 million jobs in the retail trade in December, down 4,000 from the November total.

Department stores cut back on the number of Christmas workers this year, fearing that consumers would not be confident enough to spend freely after the stock market's battering. In the event, retailers reported modest sales gains last month.

The overall workweek fell to 34.7 hours in December from 34.9 hours in November.

### Labour force

The Labour Department's survey of households, conducted separately from the Employers' Payroll Survey, showed that the labour force rose by 128,000 last month to 120.72 million and that civilian employment rose

240,000 to 113.74 million. The number of people unemployed fell to 6.98 million in December from 7.09 million in November.

The number of part-time workers fell to 5.26 million from 5.53 million.

The overall unemployment rate, which takes into account military personnel as well as civilians, also fell by one-tenth of a percentage point last month, to 5.7 per cent, the government said.

### Jobs

The 326,000 rise in non-farm payroll jobs surpassed expectations of a 175,000 increase, but economists said the strong showing may prove to be a mixed blessing.

As long as the economy is still expanding briskly, America will continue to buy huge volumes of foreign goods.

Consequently, although exports are now growing rapidly in volume terms, the US trade deficit may not fall as quickly as the financial markets would like, they explained.

The next set of US trade figures, for November, are due to be released on January 15. The trade deficit in October was a record \$17.63 billion.

## Public issue draws positive response

ZURICH, Switzerland, Jan 8. (AP): A spokesman for the lead manager yesterday reported a "very positive" response from the underwriters of a Soviet State Bank's 100-million-Swiss-franc (\$75-million) issue in Switzerland.

The Kremlin made no public announcement about the bond issue, but the measure appears to be part of broad economic reforms embarked on this year as part of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's campaign for "perestroika," or rebuilding.

The issue, marking the first time Moscow has gone to the public bond market since the 1917 revolution, was announced last Tuesday in Dusseldorf by the West German parent of the Zurich-based Bank Fuer Kredit Und Aussenhandel (BKA). BKA is the lead manager of the 10-year issue, which has a 5 per cent interest rate.

The borrower is Moscow's Bank for Foreign Economic Affairs of the USSR formerly known as the Bank for Foreign Trade. The underwriting group was completed on Wednesday, comprising 17 Swiss-based Swiss

and foreign banks, BKA spokesman Holger Bahl told the Associated Press.

"The reaction was very positive," by Swiss conservative standards, Bahl said. "In Germany, one would say incredibly oversubscribed. We had to fix quotas for every consortium member."

The Soviets need hard-currency funds to buy foreign equipment to upgrade outdated factories. The Soviet ruble is not traded on world markets and therefore has no value with Western governments or businesses.

BKA's parents, Westdeutsche Landesbank and Wuersttembergische Kommunale Landesbank, are known for having commercial links with Soviet bloc countries. Last year, BKA arranged a 50-million-franc loan for the Soviet bank.

It noted that the Soviet Union has been active in other capital markets by raising internationally syndicated bank loans and had always met its obligations.

"Therefore, the country has a good reputation among Western financial circles," the newspaper commented on Wednesday.

## Oil prices continue to edge lower

LONDON, Jan 8. (Reuters): Crude prices continued to edge lower on international spot markets as the recent squeeze on January Brent cargoes for delivery in January was seen over.

Though the trader who cornered the market for Brent crude for January loading was thought still to be holding upwards of 30 physical cargoes, and persists to ask \$18 per barrel, prices have fallen dramatically over the past few days. January Brent talked nearer to \$16.80 per barrel today.

Traders said that with no other companies left short in the market needing to buy January Brent, fundamentals of low demand and good supplies of crude generally have reassured themselves, inevitably taking prices lower.

Confusion persists over what the trader holding the January cargoes intends doing with them, but in the meanwhile, the rest of the market is now focusing on more fundamental matters. Towards the London close, North Sea Brent blend was assessed some 55 cents lower at \$16.80 a barrel.

Latest spot oil prices feb. dollars per barrel

	Jan 7	Jan 8
Brent (Prompt)	16.80	17.35
Dubai (Feb)	15.45	15.55
WTI (Prompt)	17.35	17.65

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## GOVERNMENT TENDERS

THE tenders summarised below are invited by the Central Tenders Committee on behalf of Government Ministries and other concerned authorities. The relevant documents may be obtained from the office of the Central Tenders Committee during office hours against payment of non-refundable fees as shown therein. Unless otherwise stipulated all relevant offers shall remain valid for a period of 90 days with effect from the closing date.

Tender No. P/52/87/88

Tender's internal No. 537/87  
Concerned party: Ministry of Public Health  
Requirements: Supply of medical furniture  
Relevant fee: KD 20/-  
Initial guarantee: 5% of offer's value  
Closing date: 12.00 noon, Sunday, 7.2.1988

Tender No. P/51/87/88  
Tender's internal No. 539/87  
Concerned party: Ministry of Public Health  
Requirements: Supply of kitchen wares  
Relevant fee: KD 20/-  
Initial guarantee: 5% of offer's value  
Closing date: 12.00 noon, Tuesday, 2.2.1988

Tender No. 9/87/88  
Tender's internal No. 549/87  
Concerned party: Ministry of Interior  
Requirements: Supply of sports clothes & tools for Police Sports Federation  
Relevant fee: KD 20/-  
Initial guarantee: 5% of offer's value  
Closing date: 12.00 noon, Sunday, 7.2.1988

Tender No. 5-87/88  
Tender's internal No. 544/87  
Concerned party: General Customs Admin.  
Requirements: Design, construction, completion & maintenance of Administrative Offices in General Customs Admin. 3rd Area — Shed No. 10 — Shuwaikh  
Relevant fee: KD 30/-

Initial guarantee: 5% of offer's value  
Closing date: 12.00 noon, Sunday, 31.1.1988  
N.B.: This tender is open for contractors classified in 3rd & 4th categories of construction works.

Tender No. MEW/22/118-87/88  
Tender's internal No. 533/87  
Concerned party: Ministry of Elec & Water  
Requirements: Supply of steel pipes & joints, cocks and casing materials for gas works.  
Relevant fee: KD 30/-  
Initial guarantee: 5% of offer's value  
Closing date: 12.00 noon, Tuesday, 16.2.1988

Tender No. MEW/22/105-87/88  
Tender's internal No. 532/87  
Concerned party: Ministry of Elec & Water  
Requirements: Supply of oil & grease  
Relevant fee: KD 20/-  
Initial guarantee: 2% of offer's value  
Closing date: 12.00 noon, Sunday, 14.2.1988

Tender No. 2768  
Tender's internal No. 543/87  
Concerned party: Kuwait Oil Company  
Requirements: 12 Well heads groups  
Relevant fee: KD 40/-  
Initial guarantee: 2% of offer's value  
Closing date: 12.00 noon, Sunday, 14.2.1988

Tender No. SAM/24/88/89  
Tender's internal No. 536/87  
Concerned party: Shuwaikh Area Authority  
Requirements: Maintenance works for buildings, roads, minor construction & different services  
Relevant fee: KD 300/-  
Closing date: 12.00 noon, Tuesday, 2.2.1988

N.B.: This tender is open for contractors classified in 2nd, 3rd & 4th categories of construction works.  
Tender No. MT/21/87

Tender's internal No. 535/87  
Concerned party: Petrochemical Industries Co.  
Requirements: Supply of 150 ton of urea  
Relevant fee: KD 20/-  
Initial guarantee: 2% of offer's value  
Closing date: 12.00 noon, Tuesday, 9.2.1988

Tender No. MT/116-87  
Tender's internal No. 518/87  
Concerned party: Petrochemical Industries Co.  
Requirements: Supply of two boxes of 21 passengers  
Relevant fee: KD 20/-  
Initial guarantee: 2% of offer's value  
Closing date: 12.00 noon, Tuesday, 16.2.1988

Tender No. PT/41-87/88  
Tender's internal No. 538/87  
Concerned party: Ministry of Education  
Requirements: Supply of personal computers & accessories  
Relevant fee: KD 30/-  
Initial guarantee: 2% of offer's value  
Closing date: 12.00 noon, Sunday, 7.2.1988

Qualified tenders:  
1. Abdul Mohsen Al Khoraifi Co.  
2. Al Alami Electronics Co.  
3. Al Khaznani & Al Qatani Trdg. & Cong. Co.  
4. Al Mawad Office Technical Systems Co.  
5. Arab Data Technical Co.  
6. Trading & Technology Co.  
7. Al Intel Computer Co.  
8. Dinar United Trdg. & Cong. Co.  
9. Al Alami Computers Co.  
10. Kuwait Computers Co.  
11. Kuwait Computer Service Co.  
12. Kuwait Computer Systems Center  
13. Kuwait Danish Electronics Co.  
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18. Int. Integrated Computer Systems Co.  
19. W. J. Towell Computer Services Co.

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21. Bader Al Nalla & Bros Co.  
22. Gulf Star Computer Systems Co.  
23. Najd Industry & Trdg. Co.  
24. National Computer Services Co.  
25. Kuwait Technology System Co.  
26. Qutub & Qutub Co.  
27. Rayat (Cham) Al Mawad Sons Co.  
Tender No. S 2768  
Tender's internal No. 542/87  
Concerned party: Kuwait Oil Company  
Requirements: Supply of Tubulars  
Relevant fee: KD 100/-  
Initial guarantee: 2% of offer's value  
Closing date: 12.00 noon, Tuesday, 16.2.1988

Qualified tenders:  
Company's Name (local agent in brackets):  
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2. British Steel Corp Tubes (Export) Ltd. (Reynold Trading Co.)  
3. United States Steel Int'l. Inc. USA. (Al Jela Trdg. & Cong. Co.)  
4. Thyssen Stahlunion GmbH Muenchen-Rohren-Werke, W. Germany. (Ahmad Fahad Al Fahad Trd. & Cong. Co.)  
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7. Erlanger Tubular Works & Co., (Abdul Aziz Abdul Mohsen Al Rashid)  
8. Algoma Tube Corp. Canada, (Kuwait Agency Trdg. Co.)  
9. Nippon Steel Kabushiki Kaisha, Japan, (Oil Field Supplies Co.)  
10. Kawasaki Steel Corp. Japan, (Ewa & Abed Ali Bahman Co.)  
11. Nippon Steel Corp. Japan, (Al Thuwaimi Trading Co.)  
12. Tubacex C.E.D.E. Tubos for extruding Spain, (Construction Materials Centre Co.)

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A Tokyo money broker is busy placing currency orders on the telephone as the dollar gained on Thursday. But the dollar fell yesterday to 129.35 yen from 130.15 yen. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Stock movement limits in Tokyo helped reduce market crash

TOKYO, Jan 8. (AP): Traders on the Tokyo Stock Exchange say its limits on daily price changes worked well to minimise damage from October's stock crash, but some complain that the regulations also restrict the market's responsiveness.

"Most people believe that the limits on price movements have a good moderating effect on the market," said Kunihiko Ono, spokesman for Nomura Securities, Japan's largest brokerage firm.

"It's good to control panic situations. After your head cools off, you often realise it wasn't necessary to sell at such a low level," he said.

The Tokyo Stock Exchange determines daily price-change limits for stocks as a function of their previous day's closing level. At the bottom end, shares closing at less than 100 yen (75 cents) are allowed to fluctuate a maximum 30 yen



## The big question music pundits are asking

## Is Jagger finished?

Rocking legend Mick Jagger is facing the toughest battle of his career. His second solo single Let's Work hasn't worked and he's beginning to wonder whether he'll ever have a hit again.

THE strut is still the same, so is the rebellious image. The lips are still as full as ever and his skinny frame can get both mums AND daughters swooning.

At 44, rock superstar Mick Jagger is still a success in every department except one — hit-making.

Now, in his second bid for solo chart fame, he has watched his latest track Let's Work flop straight into and out of the Top 40.

And not surprisingly the chorus now being sung by pop pundits is "Is Jagger finished?" Back in the sixties there was no one to touch him. His outrageous pouts and wiggles were as sexy as the Rolling Stones' songs. Overnight he became a star.

Today's he's having trouble selling his records at all. Despite spending millions on independent promotion and Press people, pulling favours and giving interviews Let's Work hasn't worked.

The record was given favourable reviews and was thought to be much better than the tracks on his last album, She's the Boss — which also flopped.

And now, an obviously nervous Jagger is turning to desperate measures. He was so appalled by his appearance in a video to promote the song, he insisted that parts of the multi-million dollar extravaganza were scrapped.

The Reason? The close-up shots of his face revealed ugly lines and wrinkles!

But the final insult came when his record only managed to scrap into the Top 40 chart because of a mistake. The Gallup computer which compiles the British charts lost the No.24 single, Bridge To Your Heart by Wax. When they found the hit, Jagger was pushed from 40 to 41.

Mick's music may have also suffered due to other outside

considerations. In his private life he is now happier than he has ever been. He and his live-in Jerry Hall, the leggy, Texan model, are getting on better than ever before.

They also have two young children Elizabeth and James and Mick has become a devoted father. Instead of jamming in the recording studio as he once did, these days he is more at home playing with the children.

## Career

Meanwhile in his career things haven't gone quite as smoothly as he would have liked. There has been a much publicised bust-up between Jagger and the rest of the Rolling Stones over his solo recordings. Then they said they wanted to carry on touring, whereas he said he had had enough.

And there have been other difficult distractions... such as Jerry's harrowing court case in Barbados on drugs charges.

But Jagger, the eternal youngster, has come through it all smiling.

He knows he certainly doesn't have to worry about money.

The last United States tour by the Rolling Stones made a staggering £30 million profit. Jagger's individual earnings from record royalties alone is around £5 million a year.

But financial security... Jerry's income could almost rival that of Mick's — still hasn't let pop's most famous partnership tie the knot. Mick's cagey reply to question is a vague: Maybe we will, maybe we won't. While Jerry seems even more certain they will carry on as they are.

She says: "There's no chance of a wedding now. I've been living with Mick for 10 years. Our anniversary was months ago. I told him if he didn't marry me by then, I would never, never marry him."

Jagger has a great respect for

Jerry as a business woman as well as a mistress and mother. He once said of her: "One of the reasons I think she is marvellous is that she has a satisfying job she enjoys doing, and she is not just flitting her life away with frivolities. She owns a ranch, breeds horses and organises everything herself."

## Relationship

Ironically, it was the ranch that almost ended Mick's relationship with Jerry. Through it, she met 47-year-old Robert Sangster, who runs a £500 million world-wide blood-stock empire. With Jagger dating several girls, the impatient Jerry transferred her attentions to the multi-millionaire and leased Mick with the quote: "Robert could buy out the Rolling Stones ten times over."

Mick quickly came to heel after that. Now he and Jerry are rarely apart from each other, but he is quick to put the stories of their torrid sex life into perspective.

He explains: "Well, you've got to take all those things with a pinch of salt. How many guys do you know who turn up at home every night to find the wife in suspenders and stockings. But it's nice occasionally."

One of the biggest changes in Jagger's life came with the birth of his children Elizabeth Scarlett, now 3, and James aged 6.

Now, with his former hell-raising days behind him, he says: "The birth of kids is bound to change your attitudes."

"When I was about 20 I'd have had kids and then disappeared on the road without thinking. Now I can see that would be a really crass thing to do."

"I'd never dream of turning round to Jerry and the kids and saying: 'Right, I'm off... I'll see you in a year'. It would sadden me to turn up one day and see



The ever youthful rubber-lipped Mick Jagger struts on stage.

them grown up. There's no way I'm going to let that happen."

"Having a young family has to make a bit of difference to you. If the Stones did go on tour, I'd make sure there were arrangements to see the kids wherever we played."

"You have to take children — especially very young ones — into account in everything you do. They can't dominate your life, but they certainly become a big part of it."

And he adds: "I suppose that's the great thing about becoming a dad — you become very caring."

Despite the ever increasing effort he puts into staying on top, Mick seems unlikely to stop recording. For even though he's a proud dad, the family man says he's still a rock 'n' roll gypsy at heart and it will take more than a couple of flops to make him think of retirement.

That shows in their current lifestyle. Although he and Jerry have based themselves in New York for the past few years

of, he slammed the police and vowed never to return to the island.

But then Jagger's private life has always been as interesting to the world's press as his career. When he divorced from his first wife Bianca, with whom he had a daughter Jade, it made more headlines than any of his number ones. Everyone wanted to know exactly what was going on when Margaret Trudeau, wife of the former Canadian Prime Minister, was chasing him.

He made the news again with actress Marsha Hunt. She gave him his first daughter, who he still supports with maintenance of £750 a month.

But now it is his career which is under scrutiny. He could always go back to acting. He starred in the movie Ned Kelly and received some good reviews.

But the chances are Jagger WILL be back in the charts... and soon. After more than 20 years in the business he is not going to give up quickly.

## Pet Shop Boys top UK charts

LONDON (AP): The Pet Shop Boys captured the No. 1 slot in the British pop singles chart with "Always On My Mind."

Meanwhile, Rick Astley's When I Fall In Love plunged from first to ninth place, and a rerelease of the 1950s version of the same ballad by the late Nat King Cole bowed in at No. 4.

Rounding out the top five were the Irish folk punk band the Pogues and Kirsty McColl with Fairytale of New York, up eight places to No. 2. The American new wave singer Belinda Carlisle, whose Heaven Is a Place On Earth, leaped from 33rd to third and Alison Moyet, who moved up two places to No. 5 with Love Letters.

This week's top 10 singles, as listed by Melody Maker

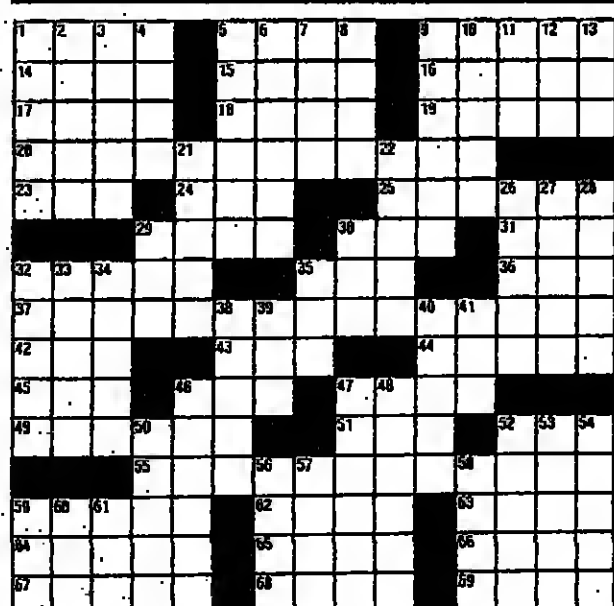
magazine, with placings Dec 16, the final weekly tabulation of 1987, in parentheses:

1. (21) Always On My Mind — Pet Shop Boys (Parlophone).
2. (10) Fairytale of New York — The Pogues and Kirsty McColl (Stiff).
3. (33) Heaven Is a Place On Earth — Belinda Carlisle (Virgin).
4. (-) When I Fall In Love — Nat King Cole (Capitol).
5. (7) Love Letters — Alison Moyet (CBS).
6. (3) The Way You Make Me Feel — Michael Jackson (Epic).
7. (46) Angel Eyes — Wet Wet Wet (Precious).
8. (-) When I Fall In Love — Rick Astley (RCA).
10. (23) Jingo-Jellybean (Chrysalis).



Pet Shop Boys: No. 1 in UK

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Soviet news agency
  - 5 Location
  - 9 Profits
  - 14 Baptism, e.g.
  - 15 Moiseyev of ballet
  - 16 — detour of "Star Wars"
  - 17 Composer
  - 18 Khachaturian
  - 19 Zola portrayed
  - 20 Reckless
  - 23 Wind direction
  - 24 Poetic time
  - 25 "A" from "Aloes" Fugard
  - 29 Pearl Mosque site
  - 30 Kind of race?
  - 31 Diminutive suffix
  - 32 Bouquet
  - 35 Scull
  - 36 GI's dog tags
  - 37 A feeble excuse, with "he"
  - 42 Chemical suffix
  - 43 Homophone for 35 Across
  - 44 Canonical hours
  - 45 Debussy's sea
  - 46 It's often in the sky?
  - 47 — de-camp
  - 49 Organic compounds
  - 51 Three: Prefix
  - 52 Hall, to Caesar
  - 55 Expression of contempt
  - 59 S. Israeli desert
  - 62 Pressing item
  - 63 Punjab princess
  - 64 Wipe out
  - 65 Kind of duck
  - 66 Tail stories
  - 67 Writers
- Rebecca**
- 68 Goddess of hope
  - 69 Otherwise
- DOWN**
- 1 — winds
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  - 4 Circle starter
  - 5 Stew
  - 6 "The Night of the —": T. Williams
  - 7 Theater award
  - 8 Actor Portman
  - 9 Cockloft
  - 10 The Ram
  - 11 Sam of "Quincy, M.E."
  - 12 — by a long shot
  - 13 Mayday!
  - 21 Within the law
  - 22 Tocsin
  - 26 Offspring
  - 27 Proven favorite, often golden
  - 28 Robins' homes
  - 29 Pierre's friend
  - 30 "Norma —"
  - 32 There is nothing like —
  - 33 Auberjonois and Descartes
  - 34 Open to all
  - 35 Pindar's creation
  - 38 Clammy
  - 39 Part of "to be"
  - 40 Finished
  - 41 Cervine mother
  - 46 Demonstrates
  - 47 Reception of a sort
  - 48 Namesakes of a Forsyte
  - 50 Emit
  - 52 Ba of use
  - 53 Bittersweet and honeyuckle
  - 54 "Fur —": Beethoven
  - 56 Medium for Monet
  - 57 Cornet
  - 58 Perry's creator
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  - 61 Talk nonsense

## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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Both vulnerable. North deals.

**NORTH**  
♠ A 7  
♥ Q 8 4  
♦ A Q 10  
♣ A Q 10 9 3

**WEST**  
♠ J 10 9 6 4 3  
♥ J 9 7 3  
♦ 5 3  
♣ 2

**EAST**  
♠ 8 2  
♥ 6 5  
♦ J 9 8 7 6  
♣ J 8 7 5

**SOUTH**  
♠ K Q 5  
♥ A K 10 2  
♦ K 4 2  
♣ K 6 4

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 3 NT Pass  
5 NT Pass 7 NT Pass  
Pass Pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♠

It is amusing to see what problems players have in counting the hand. We often find them, faces contorted in agony, trying to count 13 cards on a mere 10 fingers. They are going about things the wrong way — it is far simpler than that.

South's jump to three no trump showed a band of 16-18 points and

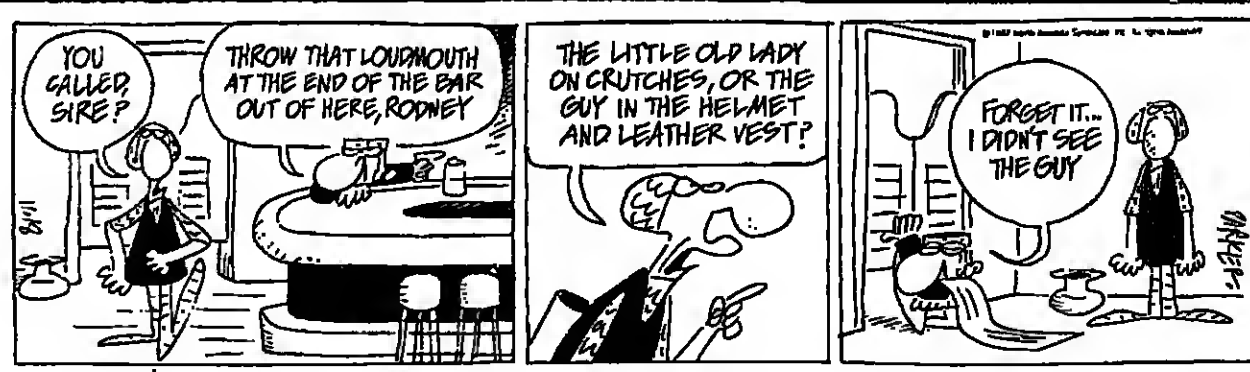
specifically a 4-3-3-3 distribution. North decided that his good five-card club suit merited a grand slam invitation. Five no trump was just that — it asked partner to bid six with a minimum and seven with a maximum. South obliged.

The play did not take long. Declarer cashed three top spades, discarding a heart from dummy. East shuffled a diamond. Next came the queen-king-ace of hearts. Dummy let go a club as East parted with another diamond. Finally, declarer cashed the ace-king of diamonds and ace of clubs, and he had all the information he needed.

He recalled that East had shown out on both the third spade and third heart. That meant West had started with six spades and four hearts, and he had followed to three rounds of minor-suit winners. Thus, all 13 of West's cards were known — he could not have another club. So declarer led the ten of clubs from dummy and ran it when East did not cover. It was then a simple matter to unblock the king of clubs, re-enter dummy with the queen of diamonds and take the fulfilling trick with the queen of clubs.

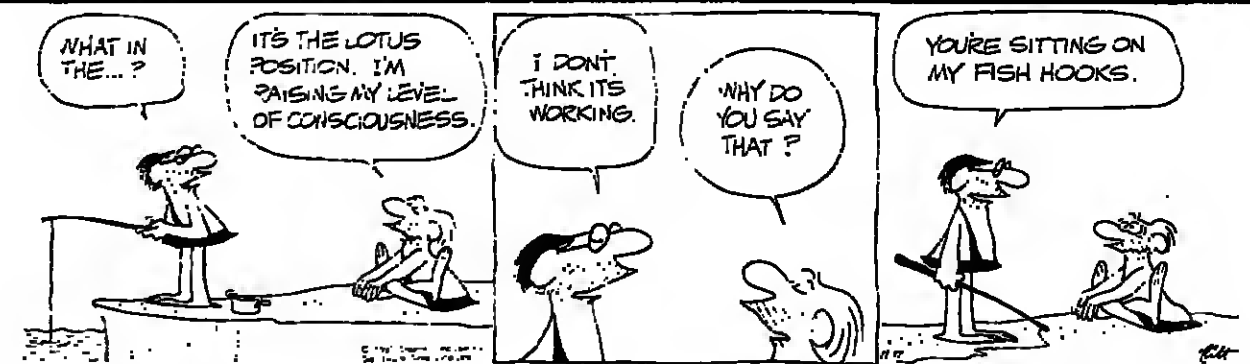
## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



## B.C.

By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS



Aries (March 21 - April 18)

This is a good day on which to catch up on things that remain outstanding. You will be better able to get on with others. Avoid spending more than you can readily afford. Be benevolent.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You should avoid making a nuisance of yourself. Your private life will take a turn for the better. Avoid doing anything that involves a fire risk. Be sensible.



Gemini (May 21 - June 21)

Today you will have something to be pleased about. What seemed like a good idea will prove to be nothing of the kind. You should not exaggerate the difficulties nor minimise them.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You should try to leave as little as possible to chance. Welcome change rather than fighting against it. Do not try to do things more quickly than you have the skill and ability to do. Be generous.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

The situation is complicated but you will have the facility to deal with it. You should do your utmost to keep calm and not to lose your temper. Avoid making a promise you would find it extremely hard to keep. Be considerate.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

Do not say you can do something which is really beyond your powers. Avoid being unsuitably dressed for the climate and occasion. Make sure you do not fail to meet your commitments.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

You should try to keep a level head. All kinds of exaggeration are to be avoided. Your experience and intelligence will stand you in good stead.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You should listen more attentively to what others have to say. And you should make sure that you express yourself clearly. Avoid being reckless whilst on the road either as driver or pedestrian. Be moderate.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

You should have a little more confidence in yourself. Avoid trusting to luck to get you out of any sort of trouble. If you expect too much you will be disappointed. Be sensible.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

You should pay a little more attention to your financial affairs. Make sure you do not neglect a cold. You should persevere without being obstinate. Be magnanimous.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

If you are in too great a hurry you are liable to make a serious mistake. You should not begin on a venture just hoping for the best plan ahead. Make sure you fulfill a promise. Be considerate.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

You ought to work hard but not to the extent that your personal life suffers. You would do well to spend a little while simply taking stock. Be resolute.





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Faldo leads

GOLD COAST, Australia, Jan 8. (Reuters) British Open champion Nick Faldo led an international golf tournament here today after opening with a six-under-par 66.

The Briton was over par only at the par-four seventh where he three-putted from the edge of the green.

Bernhard Langer of West Germany, Australians Roger Davis and Jeff Senior and American Curtis Strange were lying second on 67 in the non-championship event that carries a first prize of \$51,400.

Figure skating

DENVER, Jan 8. (AP) Having abandoned his attempt to land the first quadruple jump ever in competition, three-time defending men's champion Brian Boitano made history in a different way at the US Figure Skating Championships. Boitano aroused the crowd and, obviously, the judges as well with a scintillating short programme last night that earned him an unprecedented eight perfect marks of 6.0.

Barry McGuigan

LONDON, Jan 8. (AP) Former world featherweight boxing champion Barry McGuigan said today he would continue his auto racing career despite his return to the ring this year and chase titles in two sports.

Angry coach

MUNICH, West Germany, Jan 8. (Reuters) Angry trainer Jupp Heynckes told his Bayern Munich team yesterday they must forfeit a week's holiday after some disastrous results in an indoor tournament.

WBC champion

MILAN, Italy, Jan 8. (AP) World Boxing Council (WBC) junior middleweight champion Gianfranco Rosi of Italy must defend his crown against the top-ranked challenger, Ugandan-born John Mugabi, by the end of March. Italian matchmaker Roberto Sabatini reported yesterday.

Swimming meet

CANBERRA, Jan 8. (Reuters) Australia's Janelle Eford won two medals at an international swimming meeting today — beating the East German favourite in one race — and then learned she had been dropped from the New South Wales team.

Gomis retires

PARIS, Jan 8. (Reuters) France's former European bantamweight boxing champion Louis Gomis has been forced to retire because of eye problems and his scheduled challenge for the world title is off, the French daily newspaper Liberation said yesterday.

Title fight

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, Jan 8. (AP) Canada's Shawn Osullivan, who narrowly missed an Olympic gold medal, goes for his first professional title this evening when he meets Luis Santana for the North American Boxing Federation welterweight crown.

Road race

GOLD COAST, Australia, Jan 8. (AP) Quadruple record holder Ingrid Kristiansen of Norway believes heat will be her biggest rival in Sunday's \$135,000 Sanctuary Cove 15-kilometre road race on the Australian Gold Coast.

Formula One

BONN, Jan 8. (Reuters) Italian Piercarlo Ghinzani will drive for ZakSpeed in the forthcoming Formula One motor racing Grand Prix season, the West German team said today. Ghinzani teams up with West German Bernd Schneider, a newcomer to Formula One.

MASUR OVERCOMES NOAH

Lendl brushes aside Evernden



Lendl: to meet Masur

GOLD COAST, Australia, Jan 8. (AP) World No. 1 Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia blitzed New Zealander Kelly Evernden 6-0, 7-5 today to advance to the finals of the Sanctuary Cove men's exhibition tennis tournament.

Lendl will face Australian Wally Masur in tomorrow's final following Masur's 7-6 (9-7), 6-7, (4-7), 6-1 triumph over Frenchman Yannick Noah.

Lendl reeled off victories in eight straight games.

The exhibition is a warmup to the \$1.9 million Australian Open, which begins Monday at Flinders Park in Melbourne. "I'm eager and ready to go, I feel strong physically, and I'm hitting the ball well. I've done all the work I can, and I'm relaxed and enjoying myself," Lendl said.

Masur, a last-minute inclusion in the six-man exhibition, recovered after squandering a match point in the second set to a tired Noah.

Noah only arrived in Australia this morning after a 30-hour flight from his Paris home.

The world No. 8 player has spent the past three days being treated for a persistent groin injury that has troubled him on-

and-off for months.

"It's a good confidence boost for the (Australian) Open," Masur said. "Nothing is better for your game than winning."

Noah served well sporadically. The Frenchman said he still was working on his movement.

"I'm still scared to go for certain shots," Noah said. "I just have to put the injury out of my mind."

Lendl has a 2-0 record against Masur going into tomorrow's final.

The tournament is part of a five-day series of sporting and entertainment events to celebrate the opening of the new \$270 million Sanctuary Cove resort.

Lendl, 27, hopes victory in the Australian Open will be the first step toward becoming the first player in almost two decades to win the Grand Slam of Australian, French and US Opens and Wimbledon in the same year.

Australian Rod Laver was the last man to achieve that feat — in 1969.

Lendl and coach Tony Roche have been training in Australia on the new rebound ace synthetic surface for the past three weeks.

"It's been an extremely good preparation — we've done every-

thing we wanted to do," he said.

Lendl, the reigning US and French Open champion, said winning the Australian event was currently his number one priority.

"It's my main goal at the moment, particularly because I've never won it," he said.

"To win all four Grand Slam events would be unbelievable, a dream come true, but you must take it one day at a time."

This will be the first Australian Open to be played on the new rebound ace synthetic surface. Previous Opens have been played on grass at Kooyong, which has not suited Lendl's style of play.

Before the Sanctuary Cove tournament Lendl said that the John McEnroe era was over.

Recent

Lendl answered with a clipped "no" when asked whether 28-year-old McEnroe would make it back to the top after his six-month break from the game in 1986 and his recent two-month absence because of suspension.

"He's got an unbelievable amount of talent. But the six months he was out was really 18 months because he went backwards and everyone else advanced," Lendl said.

Shriver tames Lindqvist despite injury

SYDNEY, Jan 8. (Reuters) Top women's seed Pam Shriver made light of a groin injury to blast her way into the semifinals of the New South Wales Open tennis championship today.

The American was leading 3-0 in the first set against fifth-seeded Catarina Lindqvist of Sweden when she was forced to leave the court for treatment.

"Once I hurt it and had to get it strapped, I realised my strategy had to change. I just had to start hustling," Shriver said.

"I knew I had to serve well and volley well and attack all her serves that I could. I ended up playing a lot better than I would have the other way."

The groin strain is a worry for Shriver with the Australian Open starting next week. "It can mess me up for a week or so," she added.

Ousted

Shriver's semifinal opponent will be West German Claudia Kohde-Kilsch, the third seed, who ousted Japan's Etsuko Inoue 6-2, 6-3.

Second-seeded Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia also had a comfortable passage into the last four, beating Hether Witvoet of the Netherlands 6-2, 6-2.

In the men's event, 1984 champion John Fitzgerald of Australia, who is determined to regain a place among the top 30 players in the world, routed South African Barry Moor 6-0, 6-1 in less than an hour to reach the semifinals.

Yang and Frost out of World GP

HONG KONG, Jan 8. (UPI) The two favourites for the men's title both came to grief in yesterday's second round action in the \$134,390 Seiko World Grand Prix Badminton finals.

Top-seeded Yang Yang of China, saw his playoff hopes crash following an exciting 9-15, 15-8, 15-5 defeat at the hands of Malaysian Misbun Sidek.

But the biggest disappointment came for second-seeded Dane Morten Frost who was forced to retire with a leg injury in the deciding set of his match against his English practice partner Darren Hall.

Frost easily won the opener 15-1 only to see Hall come back to take the second 18-13. It was in

the third set that Frost, leading 7-3, pulled a hamstring in his left leg. Hall took the next two points before the Dane called it quits.

Hall was understandably pleased with his first-ever victory over Frost, whom he practices against daily in England.

"But it is unfortunate to win like that," he said. "Morten is such a good competitor."

"I did dig in during the second game, and it was close in the third. It is a pity it had to end that way."

With two straight wins, Hall is the favourite in his round-robin group to advance to the semifinals.

Sidek leads his group with two wins. Even with a loss in the third round, he would still hold a point

advantage over Yang.

"That was my first win over him (Yang), but I think I played my normal game," Sidek said. "I have played him many times, and have often had the lead, but I have always lost."

"I think he was very, very nervous tonight."

Downed

In other men's action Ib Frederiksen ousted Danish compatriot Torben Carlsen 15-4, 6-15, 15-3; third-seeded Indonesian leuk Sugianto outclassed Tsui Chau Lam of Hong Kong, 15-2, 15-4; fourth-seeded Zhao Jianhua, of China, downed Jens Peter Nierhoff of Denmark, 9-15, 15-5, 15-12; Xioing Guohao of China defeated Poul-Erik

Hoyer-Larsen, of Denmark, 15-3, 15-12; Xioing Guohao of China defeated Poul-Erik Hoyer-Larsen, of Denmark 15-3, 15-10; Eddy Kurniawan of Indonesia beat Foo Kok Keong of Malaysia, 15-11, 15-11; and Yeung Yik Kei, of Hong Kong, defeated Zee Yu, of Australia, 15-8, 15-6.

There were no upsets among the women where second-seeded Li Lingwei of China, downed Amy Chan of Hong Kong 15-2, 15-8. Top seed Han Aiping of China, had the day off.

In other women's singles, Sumiko Kitada of Japan downed Chan Man Wa of Hong Kong, 11-6, 11-6; and Fiona Elliott of England defeated Elizabeth Latief of Indonesia, 11-3, 11-7.

145 confirm participation for Games

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Jan 8. (AP) Romania today became the fifth Soviet bloc country to announce its participation at this year's summer Games in Seoul, the International Olympic Committee said.

Romania's telexed reply, along with a confirmation from Burma also received today, brought to 145 the number of National Olympic Committees entered for the games. IOC spokeswoman Claire Barrau told the Associated Press.

The Soviet Union, China, Cuba and Ethiopia are among 22 countries that still had to formally reply to invitations before the Jan. 17 deadline set by the IOC.

But participation is already at an all-time high. The previous record was 140 teams that went to the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics despite a Soviet-led boycott.

Before Romania, which was the only East European country not to join the Los Angeles boycott, the IOC had received

positive replies for Seoul from East Germany, Hungary, Poland and Bulgaria.

Soviet and Czechoslovakian sports officials have indicated their countries will send teams. Formal confirmations are expected next week, along with China's reply.

North Korea had threatened to call for a communist boycott if its demand for sharing the Games with the South Korean capital was not met.

Kuwait hold Saudi Arabia

THE Kuwait national soccer team held Saudi Arabia to a goalless draw in a qualifying match for the 1988 Seoul Olympics in Riyadh yesterday.

Kuwait, who beat Saudi Arabia 2-1 last month in its home leg, head the table with seven points from five games. Iraq, which crushed Qatar 4-1 in its qualifier yesterday, are second in the group with six points from five games.

Saudi Arabia, with four points, and Qatar, with three points, are now out of contention for a place in the Summer Olympics.

Kuwait meet Iraq in its next qualifier. This match is vital for both the teams. While Kuwait only need a draw to qualify, Iraq need a victory. Kuwait won the first leg 1-0.

Casuals defeat Arrows

CASUALS maintained their challenge at the top of the Jashanmal League when they beat Flying Arrows at Ahmedi on Friday. Recent heavy rainfall caused a delay in the start of the game and the moisture in the air made early batting difficult.

Casuals won the toss and chose to bat but faced a quick setback when Tudball played on without scoring. Downick followed quickly after, playing around a ball which cut in.

At the other end Wells looked well out of touch and crept to 10 before being caught behind off Iqbal. Skipper Snowden began slowly and was beaten a few times by Kazi but settled down to play a true captain's innings and hit a match-winning 62.

The score was pushed to 131 when Anderson showed his growing taste for the hat by hitting a quick 24. In reply Flying Arrows never looked like coping with the

excellent bowling from Casuals. Anderson with three for 18 and David with three for 15 bowled especially well.

Snowden and Eccles put in equally as much effort without wickets falling for them as easily. Both of them finished with one victim each.

Val Tudball demonstrated a flawless display of wicket-keeping, claiming one catch and one stumping. Sharp all-round fielding restricted Flying Arrows to 76 and left Casuals comfortable victors.

British fans

BRUSSELS, Jan 8. (Reuters) Belgium sent 26 Britons for trial today on charges of manslaughter connected with the 1985 Heysel stadium riot, the public prosecutor's office said. A spokesman said the Britons, 20 of whom are being held in a Belgian prison, would appear before Brussels correctional tribunal, a non-jury court.

Fisa calls for urgent talks on Paris-Dakar Rally



Malherbe: Wednesday's most serious casualty. (Reuters wirephoto)

PARIS, Jan 8. (Reuters) A record drop-out rate by competitors complaining that the Paris-Dakar Rally has become dangerously difficult has prompted a top official to call for emergency talks with the organisers.

Jean-Marie Balestre, the International Federation of Motor Sports (Fisa) chairman, said he wanted a meeting in Paris as soon as the rally ended on January 22 to iron out problems before the competition officially became part of the international circuit next year.

Accidents Only one-third of the 603 starters were left in the rally after four days in the Sahara desert and competitors blamed the gruelling conditions for a series of accidents and the high number of retirements.

"The race is impossible," said Belgian former Formula One driver Jacky Ickx whose Lada crashed in the desert. "Wednesday's stage was unbelievable. It was mathematically impossible for many drivers to get to Tamanrasset before nightfall."

Malherbe was Wednesday's most serious casualty with a broken neck. Paris hospital authorities said today they would know in the next few days if the triple world Motorcycling champion would be paralysed.

Night runs are officially banned on the rally for safety reasons. But on Wednesday's 987-km stage from Borj-Ormar-Dris to Tamanrasset motorcyclist set off long after daybreak and were unable to finish the course before nightfall.

"We all left well after sunrise with just one thought in our minds — to finish in daylight. So we went too fast and there were a lot of accidents," said Jean-Claude Oliver, leader of Yamaha team.

Rally organisers called off today's stage, a 742-km desert stretch nicknamed the "Hell Trail" and classed as one of the hardest in the 22-day rally, because a shortage of helicopter fuel made it impossible to monitor the race from the air.

Instead, about 200 participants were setting out in convoy to cover the route from

Djanet in south west Algeria to Djado in Niger. Racing will resume from Djado tomorrow.

Competitors criticised heavy commercialisation of the rally and this year's course devised by organiser Rene Metge, 85 per cent of which is over new ground.

Latest general standings:

- Autos:
1. Ari Vatanen-Bruno Berglund, Finland-Sweden, Peugeot 405 T 16, 8 hours, 32.36 mins (including penalties)
  2. Pierre Lartigue-Bernard Maingret, France, Mitsubishi Pajero, at 30.27 mins.
  3. Juha Kankkunen-Juha Piironen, Finland, Peugeot 205 T 16, at 1 hour, 32.03 mins.
  4. Andrew Cowan-Johnston Syer, Britain, Mitsubishi Pajero, at 1:56.56.
  5. Ken Shinozuka-Henri Magne, Japan-France, Mitsubishi Pajero, at 2:11.02.

- Motorcycles:
1. Franco Picco, Italy, Yamaha, 20 hours, 35.32 mins
  2. Gilles Lalay, France, Honda, at 17.21 mins
  3. Marc Morales, France, Honda, at 28.29.

Navratilova outlasts Evert



Navratilova: faces fine

GOLD COAST, Australia, Jan 8. (AP) Martina Navratilova beat fellow American Chris Evert 6-3, 7-6 (7-4) in exhibition play today at Sanctuary Cove.

Navratilova took 1 hour, 45 minutes to outlast her rival in stifling heat and humidity.

Evert and Navratilova each face \$20,000 in fines by the Women's International Tennis Association for playing in the exhibition at the new \$270 million Sanctuary Cove resort. They said they decided to play in the exhibition because the court surface and balls are identical to those to be used at the Australian Open next week.

Provide

The Open begins Monday at Flinders Park in Melbourne. WTA rules provide for a fine for a player playing an exhibition on the same continent as a WTA-endorsed event.

"This is great preparation for Melbourne — and we are getting paid a lot more than \$20,000 to be here," said Navratilova.

The Czech-born Navratilova praised the synthetic rebound ace court surface but blasted the South Korean-made Nassau tennis balls. The Nassau balls will be used at the Seoul Olympics.

She said, "the court rewards good shots, and it bounces true." But of the Nassau balls, Navratilova said: "They are very questionable. They fluff up and get very heavy. They shouldn't be

playing with them. Right now, they are not a world-class ball."

Her comments echoed criticism of the balls by Wimbledon champion Pat Cash earlier in the week.

Navratilova reeled off three straight games to take the first set, and then won seven of the last eight points in the tiebreaker after a thrilling see-saw second set.

Krishnan stuns Lundgren

AUCKLAND, Jan 8. (Reuters) Top seed Peter Lundgren crashed out of the Auckland Grand Prix tennis tournament today after a humiliating quarterfinal defeat by the unseeded Ramesh Krishnan.

Krishnan, an Indian Davis Cup stalwart, needed only 59 minutes to crush the Swede 6-3, 6-1 with a masterly display which put him into the semifinals of the \$150,000 tournament.

Lundgren, who blamed a stomach complaint for his poor form, had planned to attack Krishnan's weak serve and dictate

terms from the net. But Krishnan was prepared for the line of attack. "A lot of players say they're going to attack my serve and if they do I just give it back to them, make them volley and take it from there," he said.

Krishnan's semifinal opponent is lanky American Jim Fugh, the sixth seed, who beat fellow-countryman Jim Grabb 6-3, 2-6, 8-6 today.

Second seed Amos Mansdorf had an easy passage into the semifinals, topping American Dan Goldie 6-1, 6-4.

Cash defeats Wilander

ADELAIDE, Australia, Jan 8. (AP) Wimbledon champion Pat Cash of Australia scored a 7-6, 6-4 victory over Sweden's Mats Wilander in the Rio International Tennis Challenge today.

In the other match of the round-robin tournament, Henri Leconte of France defeated Stefan Edberg of Sweden 7-6 (7-5), 6-4.

An ace on his first serve signalled an aggressive start for Cash, who appeared unruffled by anti-apartheid protesters shouting, "Pat Cash — blood money," from outside the courts. The demonstrators have been

picketing the tournament to protest Cash's participation in the South African Open last November.

Cash said although the Rio event was only an exhibition tournament, it was good practice for next week's Australian Open. "The best thing is, I'll get another match here tomorrow (Saturday), so by next week I'll be on target," Cash said.

"I'm getting better all the time and I don't think Mats played up to his best," Cash said. Meanwhile, Leconte only arrived in Adelaide today after delays in Jakarta, Indonesia, caused him to miss his first scheduled Rio match yesterday.

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## SPORTS

## Ella changes sides to avoid facing Lillee

SYDNEY, Jan 8, (Reuters): Australia's Mark Ella could never be accused of cowardice during his glittering rugby union career.

But the prospect of facing Dennis Lillee on the cricket field has persuaded the former flyhalf that bravery will have to take a back seat this time.

Ella was expected to be in the aboriginal team he will manage on a tour of Britain in May when they play a warm-up game against a side captained by Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke next Wednesday at Manly, near Sydney.

But when Ella, who retired three years ago, saw the name Lillee on the Prime Minister's team sheet he decided to switch sides.

## Spend

"When I saw who the PM had recruited, I had no hesitation in adding my name to his list," Ella said yesterday.

"Facing up to Dennis Lillee with Rod Marsh behind the stumps is not my idea of a fun way to spend a cricketing day."

"Len Pascoe and Max Walker will also be firing them down and Ian Chappell, Gary Cosier and Ian Davis will certainly let the aboriginal bowlers know they're in a match," Ella said.

Ella is taking a 20-strong squad to Britain 120 years after an aboriginal team left on the first sporting tour by an Australian side.

Prime Minister's XI squad — Bob Hawke (captain), Ian Chappell, Gary Cosier, Ian Davis, Mark Ella, Ian King, Dennis Lillee, Phil Marks, Rod Marsh, Len Pascoe, Graeme Thomas, Max Walker.

## Sillett puts his money on Coventry again

LONDON, Jan 8, (Reuters): Coventry City manager John Sillett, ignoring his club's dismal League performance this season, is so convinced his side will hold on to the English FA Cup that he is backing them with the book-makers at 33-1.

"People say our win at Wembley last year was a flash in the pan but I don't believe it was a one-off," said Sillett, whose team begin their defence in the third round against Fourth Division Torquay tomorrow.

Coventry have not won a First Division match since October 3 but Sillett is not worried. "There is a different atmosphere in the club now that the Cup has come round again and Saturday's match could be just what we need to spark us off again," he said.

But Sillett must make do without central defender Trevor Peake, out with a foot injury, striker Keith Houchen, who has a chest infection, and injured midfielders Nick Pickering and Dean Emerson.

## Influence

Ironically, it is the start of the pitches rather than the players which may influence several of tomorrow's matches.

Coventry's League home match against Norwich last Saturday was postponed because of a waterlogged pitch and ground staff have used 100 tons of sand trying to dry out the surface in time for this weekend.

First Division Tottenham, beaten 3-2 by Coventry in last year's Cup final, have been training on a synthetic pitch ready for their trip to Second Division Oldham and Queen's Park Rangers face problems at non-League Yeovil's steeply sloping pitch.

The FA Cup is the only domestic honour to elude England goalkeeper Peter Shilton who hopes his Derby side can snap out of a bad spell to beat Chelsea in one of the few all-First Division clashes.

## TEAMS DISPUTE STATUS OF ONE-DAY MATCH

## West Indies edge past India



Srikkanth: top scorer

AHMEDABAD, India, Jan 8, (Reuters): West Indies scored a thrilling two-run victory over India yesterday in a one-day fixture whose status was still being argued over several hours after the game.

Officials of both sides were locked in discussion on Indian Cricket Board Secretary C. Nagaraj's insistence that the match be treated as part of the scheduled eight-game limited overs series.

## Effort

West Indies captain Viv Richards and team manager Jackie Hendricks were not available for comment, but the touring team were believed to be insisting that the match was an unofficial, fund-raising effort.

The dispute flared at the start of the game when Indian officials had to persuade their captain Ravi Shastri to toss after he discussed the status of the contest with Richards.

Shastri said that the match was not part of the official series. The game itself provided a nailbiting climax. India went into the final over needing six runs to overhaul West Indies' total of 195 scored off 48.3 overs after they had been put in on a

grassy wicket.

But tight bowling by paceman Patrick Patterson restricted Chetan Sharma and Sanjeev Sharma to just three runs and India finished on 194 for nine.

A middle-order collapse undermined India's chances after opener Krishnamachari Srikkanth had begun the innings with a flourish.

Mixing the orthodox and unorthodox, he struck 53 off 72 balls with five fours and a six before falling to Patterson.

A 46-run fifth-wicket stand between Gus Logie and Carl Hooper had revived the West Indies innings after India's medium pace attack had reduced the touring team to 65 for four.

Logie was caught in the deep off spinner Arshad Ayub for 30 and Hooper fell after making the top score of 33, going for a big hit off the occasional bowling of Srikkanth.

## Scoreboard

## WEST INDIES

R. Richardson c C. Sharma 4  
P. Simmons lbw b Kapil Dev 11  
J. Dujon c and b C. Sharma 17  
V. Richards b Amarnath 30  
A. Logie c Srikkanth b Ayub 33  
C. Hooper c Lal b Srikkanth 31  
E. Baptiste run out 5  
W. Benjamin b Ayub 5

D. Williams run out 1  
W. Davis b Kapil Dev 10  
P. Patterson not out 13  
Extras (lb-7, lb-10, w-3, nb-1) 21  
Total (48.3 overs) 196

Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-28, 3-53, 4-65, 5-111, 6-163, 7-166, 8-168, 9-173.  
Bowling: C. Sharma 7-4-31-7, S. Sharma 5-1-24-0, Amarnath 10-1-25-1, Kapil Dev 8-3-4-21-2, Ayub 10-1-37-2, Shastri 3-0-23-0, Srikkanth 5-1-15-1.

## INDIA

E. Srikkanth c Baptiste b Richards 53  
Arun Lal c Williams b Patterson 16  
M. Amarnath c Simmons b Baptiste 21  
W. V. Raman c Williams b Benjamin 14  
Kapil Dev run out 21  
S. Manjekar c Richards b Benjamin 0  
R. Shastri b Davis 19  
S. Viswanath b Patterson 7  
C. Sharma not out 16  
A. Ayub c Simmons b Patterson 14  
S. Sharma not out 1  
Extras (lb-1, lb-2, w-3) 12  
Total (nine wickets, 50 overs) 194

Fall of wickets: 1-26, 2-69, 3-98, 4-127, 5-127, 6-136, 7-160, 8-162, 9-191.

Bowling: Patterson 9-2-26-3, Davis 10-2-35-1, Benjamin 10-0-30-2, Baptiste 10-0-49-1, Richards 10-1-43-1, Hooper 1-0-2-0.  
Result: West Indies won by two runs and now lead eight-match series 4-1.

## England satisfied with Cup fixture dates

WARSAW, Jan 8, (Reuters): England's hopes of qualifying for the 1990 World Cup finals in Italy were enhanced yesterday when they, Poland, Sweden and Albania agreed on a provisional schedule for their European Group Two fixtures.

England, fearing a summer fixture with Sweden, an autumn trip to Albania or any fixture during September, emerged from a friendly three-hour meeting with all their hopes fulfilled.

England hoped to avoid Sweden in the summer because it is the English close season and Albania in the autumn because of the heat. In recent years, England have suffered several humiliating or heavy defeats in September.

"I think everyone is very satisfied with what has happened," said English Football Association secretary Ted Croker, "and I think we will qualify for the World Cup finals."

England's opening fixture will be at home to Sweden on October 19. Poland will entertain Albania

on the same day. England, who failed to qualify for the 1974 finals when they were held 1-1 at home and lost away to eventual qualifiers Poland, will meet the Poles at Wembley Stadium, London, on June 3, 1989 and visit them in their final tie on October 11, 1989.

Only the group winners qualify automatically for the finals. The runners-up in the group will go through only if their record is one of the two best from the three European groups of four nations.

Group Two fixture schedule: 1988: Oct 19 — England v Sweden, Poland v Albania, Nov 5 — Albania v Sweden.

1989: March 8 — Albania v England, April 26 — England v Albania, May 7 — Sweden v Poland, June 3 — England v Poland, Sept 6 — Sweden v England, Oct 8 — Sweden v Albania, Oct 11 — Poland v England, Oct 25 — Poland v Sweden, Nov 15 — Albania v Poland.

## Scottish attendances boom

GLASGOW, Jan 8, (Reuters): Soccer in Scotland is enjoying a boom period.

Attendances for League matches and the League Cup show

an increase of 18 per cent last season, Scottish League secretary Jim Farry said yesterday. The figures are for the period from the start of the season until the end of 1987.

## Aussies fight back to overcome Kiwis

MELBOURNE, Jan 8, (Reuters): Australia fought back from a wretched start in which they slumped to 39 for four, with Allan Border dismissed first ball, to beat New Zealand by six runs in a day-night World Series Cup match yesterday.

Steve Waugh led the recovery by hitting 68, the top score of the 50 overs game, in addition to contributing a useful spell with his medium-pacers and capturing the wicket of Richard Hadlee at a crucial stage.

Waugh dismissed his fellow all-rounder with eight needed off the final two deliveries, so that New Zealand finished on 210 for nine in reply to Australia's 216 all out with two balls of their quota remaining.

Australia and New Zealand have each won two of their three matches in the triangular competition but the Australians head the standings with a better run rate. Sri Lanka have lost the first two of their eight qualifying games.

Australia, keen to avenge a one-run defeat by New Zealand in Perth on Sunday, could scarcely have made a more inauspicious start, with medium-pacer Stuart Gillespie proving their main tormentor by dismissing Geoff Marsh and Border with consecutive deliveries.

A crowd of 61,316 then saw Waugh enhance his growing reputation by tilting the balance in half-century stands with Dean Jones and wicketkeeper Greg Dyer.

Waugh, who completed his half century off 74 balls, and Jones (48) figured in an 88-run fifth-wicket partnership, while the all-rounder put on 65 in 71 balls for the sixth wicket with Dyer.

New Zealand's brisk response was cut short with the total 47 when opener John Wright was run out for 20 by a fine throw from Jones at cover.

Dipak Patel was bowled round his legs for 12 by left arm paceman Mike Whitney but

Andrew Jones, who made 59, and Martin Crowe, with 37, seemed to be pushing New Zealand firmly towards success at 121 for two.

However, Australia wrested the initiative by seizing eight wickets for 67. Tony Dodemaide, whose telling effort brought him two for 25 in his 10 overs, including the vital wicket of Martin Crowe, and fellow fast bowler Craig McDermott did most of the damage.

Hadlee kept alive New Zealand's hopes until the last over when, having made 23, he lofted Waugh to deep mid-off where Peter Taylor held the catch.

## Scoreboard

## AUSTRALIA

D. Boon c Chatfield 9  
G. March c Patel b Gillespie 12  
D. Jones b Saeedden 48  
A. Border c Wright b Gillespie 0  
M. Veletta c Blain b Saeedden 4  
S. Waugh b Saeedden 68  
G. Dyer c Jones b Chatfield 38  
P. Taylor run out 2  
A. Dodemaide c Chatfield b Hadlee 8  
C. McDermott c M. Crowe b Chatfield 9  
M. Whitney not out 2  
Extras (lb-12, nb-4) 16  
Total (49.3 overs) 216

Fall of wickets: 1-17, 2-31, 3-31, 4-39, 5-127, 6-192, 7-195, 8-197, 9-211.

Bowling: Chatfield 10-2-31-3, Hadlee 8-3-42-1 (2ab), Saeedden 10-1-36-3, Gillespie 9-0-41-2 (2ab), Bracewell 8-0-32-0, Patel 4-0-22-0.  
NEW ZEALAND  
J. Wright run out 20  
A. Jones c Dodemaide c McDermott 59  
D. Patel b Whitney 12  
M. Crowe b Dodemaide 37  
J. Crowe c and b Taylor 9  
A. Blain b Dodemaide 7  
R. Hadlee c Taylor b Waugh 23  
J. Bracewell c Boon b McDermott 9  
M. Saeedden c Waugh c McDermott 3  
S. Gillespie not out 8  
E. Chatfield not out 0  
Extras (lb-4, lb-10, nb-3, w-6) 23  
Total (nine wickets, 50 overs) 210

Fall of wickets: 1-47, 2-79, 3-121, 4-138, 5-157, 6-168, 7-180, 8-188, 9-209.

Bowling: Dodemaide 10-1-25-2 (1w, 1nb), McDermott 10-0-50-3 (1w, 2ab), Whitney 10-0-46-1 (3w), Waugh 10-0-41-1 (1w), Taylor 10-0-34-1.

## Starling to take on Ozaki

TOKYO, Jan 8, (AP): World Boxing Association welterweight champion Marlon Starling of the United States will make his first title defence against Japan's Fujio Ozaki in February, Ozaki's manager said yesterday.

The 12-round title fight will be

held at Atlanta City, New Jersey. Feb 5, said manager Akihiko Honda.

It will be the first crack at a world title for the eighth-ranked Ozaki, who has a record of 21 victories, including 13 knock-outs, against four defeats.

## Jahangir crushes Norman

ST HELIER, Jersey, Jan 8, (Reuters): Former world squash champion Jahangir Khan of Pakistan demolished New Zealander Ross Norman in exactly half an hour to lift the Jersey International Squash tournament yesterday.

The Pakistani, who thrashed Australian Tristan Nancarrow for the loss of just three points in Wednesday's 16-minute semifinal, yielded a mere four points to Norman, whose 29th birthday ended in a stinging 9-4 9-0 9-0 defeat.

Norman had inflicted a rare defeat on Jahangir in the World Cup 15 months ago and the former world number one appeared to be in a minor spot of trouble



Jahangir: easy win

when he trailed 4-1 in the opening game.

But Jahangir, determined to regain the world title from teen-

age compatriot Jansher Khan — to whom he has lost on seven successive occasions — reeled off the next 26 points in a row for an impressive victory.

On Wednesday, Nancarrow was handicapped by an injury to his left knee received in his quarterfinal on Tuesday and Jahangir was ruthless in his execution.

He took the first game in six minutes, going 8-0 up before Nancarrow scored his first point.

The second game also took six minutes as Nancarrow was left floundering by a succession of drives and drop shots.

The third game was even quicker, lasting only four minutes, as Jahangir swept to an easy 9-2 9-1 9-0 victory.



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